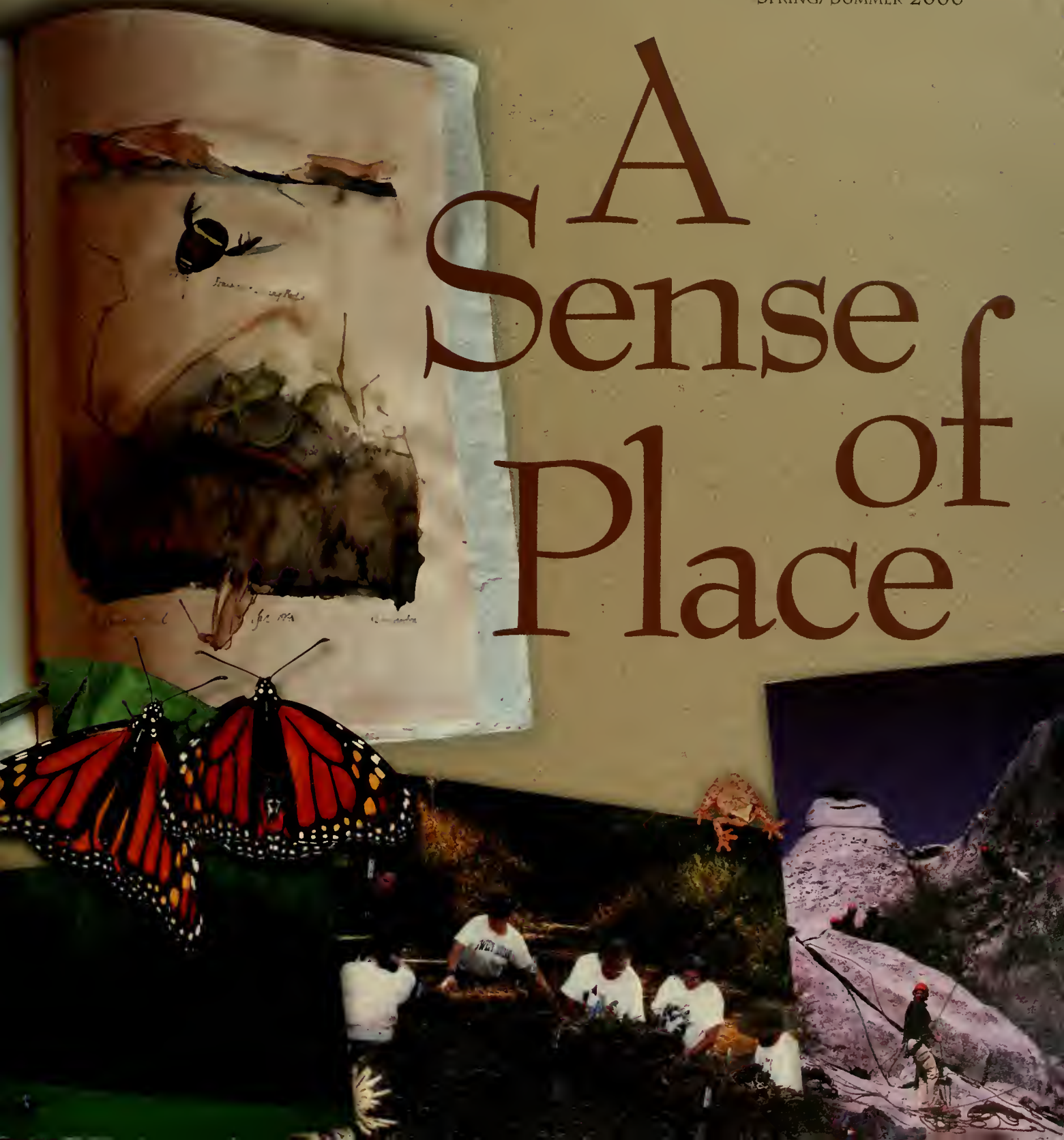


# SWEET BRIAR

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## A Sense of Place



# A Message from the President

Dear Alumnae and Friends,

As J. Wilson Newman, then chairman of SBC's Board of Directors and Overseers, once said in a long-ago Founders' Day speech, "There has always been something special about Sweet Briar." Clearly, this "something special" includes the College's unique natural environment.

It is impossible to separate Sweet Briar's traditions, academic ideals, and architectural heritage from the awe-inspiring 3,300 acres that surround us. All are hopelessly and wonderfully intertwined. Fifty years ago, Martha Lou Lemmon Stohlman noted in *The Story of Sweet Briar College* that "living with beauty does not leave one untouched...On first glance this beauty is striking; after four years it has become a permanent possession."

This issue of the *Alumnae Magazine* celebrates the way that those associated with Sweet Briar are using this special tie to the land. On campus, faculty and students are engaged in significant environmental research. And from Guion pond to the

Florida Everglades, from the Mississippi Delta to the California coastline, SBC alumnae are encouraging a genuine appreciation for the natural resources we share and an alert recognition of what we must do to preserve them for the future. As our cover suggests, Sweet Briar women are not afraid of challenges. No matter where we look, whether at Penny Czarra '75 in rural India or Amira Hernandez '99 in the Bronx, we see generations of alumnae attempting to build a better world from the grassroots up.

This issue of the *Alumnae Magazine* will, I think, amaze you. Over and over, the stories within bespeak a passionate engagement with the natural world—a passion that inspires Susan Detweiler '89 to climb the highest peak in the Americas. That prompts Sarah Babcock '83 to leave a promising career in technology and pursue a Ph.D in animal behavior. That spurs Tricia Hamilton '01 to speak up on behalf of the crab apple trees in front of Benedict.

I thought I knew a lot about how the Sweet Briar community has embraced the beauties and challenges of the environment, but as I read through this magazine, I realized that I had only the vaguest understanding. I urge you to read this issue from cover to cover. And if you have the opportunity, pass it on to a prospective student. This is a story that deserves to be told!



Elisabeth S. Muhlenfeld,  
President

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# A Sense of Place

## Sweet Briar's Natural Setting Enhances Campus Life and Inspires Innovative Programming

IN THE EARLY MORNING BEFORE CLASSES, Kim Leach '00 saddles up her favorite horse, Bondo, and hits the trail, curious to see who else is out and about. She is not looking for fellow riders or the hikers and bikers that share Sweet Briar's 3,300 acres. This biology major and student naturalist is scanning shallow puddles, hoping to spot a salamander or a toad.

Kim, like the other students, faculty, and alumnae featured in this issue of the *Alumnae Magazine*, interprets the phrase "Sweet Briar community" to include all living things: from fungi feasting on the dead leaves underfoot to monarchs fluttering by on their way to Mexico.

The upcoming fall semester will mark the fourth year of the College's "Learning on the Land" orientation, an outdoor program that connects first-year students to each other and to the campus. Students choose from an assortment of experiential "mini" courses, including an archaeological dig, a Global Positioning System guided scavenger hunt, a study of the campus' wildlife and horticulture, an introduction to Sweet Briar's historic architecture and landscape, and a tour on horseback.

This relatively new orientation program has already garnered national attention as an innovative, character-building model for other colleges and universities to follow (see "SBC Recognized for Character Development Programs" in this issue).

Even more exciting, the College's new Environmental Program begins this August with the arrival of Dr. David Orvos, chair of the environmental studies department and associate professor of environmental sciences.

From his location in the newly-renovated Sweet Briar train station and caboose, Dr. Orvos will keep the College ahead of the

curve in what is becoming one of the fastest-growing areas of study nationwide.

Of course, Sweet Briar's enviable sanctuaries and ecological study areas give the College a unique advantage in training students for graduate studies, careers, and volunteer work in environmental problem solving. And, as this issue of the *Alumnae Magazine* illustrates, this generation of faculty and students is not the first to put the College's resources to work in that direction. The land also benefits the College's nationally-acclaimed Riding Program and supports exciting co-curricular offerings like SWEBOP.

In the high-tech, high-touch 21<sup>st</sup> century, Sweet Briar is distinguishing itself as being both the "most wired" women's college in the country and a place where students can soothe their souls among the same trees, ponds, and pastures that have delighted this community for nearly 100 years.

"Sweet Briar evokes a sense of place," says Mary Pope Hutson Waring '83, conservationist and executive director of South Carolina's Lowcountry Open Land Trust. "In my work, I see a pervasion of urban sprawl across the country. The College has taken great steps to assure a balance by clustering the built environment within the natural environment, demonstrating that the two worlds can coexist."



In the next 20 years, citizens will be challenged to deal with environmental issues proactively instead of reactively. If we do not meet the challenge, future generations—our children and grandchildren—will enjoy only remote, virtual experiences of the natural wonders we take for granted. They will not be out first thing in the morning on a bird walk with Dr. Edwards. They'll be looking at birds on a computer monitor.

"I am heartened that the College is taking a leadership role, moving forward with its Environmental Program."

*"We can't protect everything and we shouldn't," says Mary Pope. "The challenge is balance. It's an important area to be focusing on right now and it's great that the College is making it a priority"*

—Mary Pope Hutson Waring '83



Mary Pope Hutson Waring '83 meets with Secretary of the Interior Bruce Babbitt

## Making Waves

**Conservationist Mary Pope Hutson Waring '83  
Applies Lessons Learned in Kenya  
to the South Carolina Coastline**

IN 1990, INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS MAJOR MARY POPE HUTSON WARING '83 WAS WORKING IN NAIROBI, KENYA as a special assistant to the U. S. Ambassador. Her responsibilities entailed meeting with Kenyan business, political, and cultural leaders on a regular basis. The experience piqued her interest in conservation. In a country of 25 million people, there were no fences containing and protecting wildlife.

"In Africa, there is a real need and a great challenge to educate people about the importance of wildlife," says Mary Pope. "Killing elephants that come into your garden and eat all the vegetables—your lifeblood—is not a solution. There is a way for people and wildlife to coexist.

"When I was there, the head of the Kenya Wildlife Service was Dr. Richard Leaky—son of Louis and Mary, the famous paleontologists. It was Richard who banned the ivory trade and was

photographed burning three million dollars worth of tusks. He taught me that the issue to worry about is not the extinction of species but the lack of habitat.

"All over Africa, people are cutting trees for housing and other necessities, dramatically reducing wildlife habitat. We're struggling with the same type of loss here in the United States. There is so much development. In my state alone, we're due to have 800,000 more people living along the coastline of South Carolina in the next ten years."

A few years after Mary Pope returned from Nairobi to Charleston, the governor asked her to serve on the

South Carolina Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Board of Directors—the first woman ever appointed. Though she was working as acting director of development and director of tours and special events for the Historic Charleston Foundation, she distinguished herself as chair of the DNR Board's Marine Advisory Committee. The press described her as "making waves" and "rocking boats." One headline elevated her from committee chair to "Swordfish Saint."

### The Environmental Science Major (B.S.)

The Environmental Science B.S. major requires a common core of 35 science credits and 12 non-science credits, plus at least 16 additional science credits within one of four concentrations: Ecology & Conservation Biology, Chemistry, Environmental Physiology, or Computational Science.

This curriculum evolved from consideration of Sweet Briar's educational mission; an evaluation of environmental science curricula at other institutions; discussions with environmental scientists working in academia, industry, and NGO's; and a survey of graduate school requirements and employment opportunities. The generic environmental science majors offered at many institutions emphasize breadth at the expense of demanding upper-level course work, and are weaker programs than their other science majors. Our proposed curriculum is demanding, interesting, and innovative. The four concentrations build on existing science courses and faculty expertise. (For more information go to <http://envirosci.sbc.edu/> )

#### REQUIREMENTS FOR THE B.S MAJOR

General Ecology  
Field Natural History or other field science or conservation biology  
Principles of Chemistry I plus lab  
Principles of Chemistry II plus lab  
Environmental Analytical Chemistry  
Environmental Analytical Chemistry Lab  
Introductory Economics  
Introduction to Environmental Science  
Environmental Policy and Problem-Solving Studio or Environmental Internship  
Advanced Lab in Environmental Science  
Calculus  
Applied Statistics  
Two additional environmental studies courses (at least one course above 200)  
Senior Research  
At least 16 additional credits in one concentration (at least 6 above 200)



During her tenure with the South Carolina DNR Board, Mary Pope became active in attempting to start a statewide land trust network, an organization that would allow trusts to share information. In 1998, the Lowcountry Open Land Trust invited her to serve as executive director.

Similar to national organizations like the Nature Conservancy or Conservation Fund, the Lowcountry Open Land Trust is a private, regional conservation organization that works with private landowners, helping them to place easements on their properties and protect land in perpetuity for their communities.

The Lowcountry has helped 70 landowners protect almost 21,000 acres along the South Carolina coastline. The organization is currently working with another 50 landowners to protect an additional 40,000 acres. Mary Pope also works with municipalities, helping them with planning, prioritization, and GIS mapping.

"We can't protect everything and we shouldn't," says Mary Pope. "The challenge is balance. It's an important area to be focusing on right now and it's great that the College is making it a priority."

"You know and I know that our students leave the campus invigorated; they go out and make a difference. This is an area where their energy and leadership is needed. We cannot exist on pavement alone."

### The Environmental Studies B.A. Major

The B.A. degree requires a common core of 26 or 27 credits plus at least 18 credits within one of three concentrations: Environmental Policy and Planning; Global Environment and Sustainable Development; or Humans and the Natural World. It requires at least 14 credits in science including calculus and ecology, reflecting the widespread recognition that science literacy is crucial for all environmental professionals.

Practical experience with environmental issues is developed through internships, study abroad programs, environmental problem-solving at the local and regional levels, and student participation in campus environmental planning.

Environmental Studies students are strongly encouraged to undertake international travel and study, particularly in Latin America, Asia, or Africa, in programs stressing natural resource management, wildlife conservation, environmental policy, international development, or sustainable development. Opportunities are available for internships with environmental organizations, and for intensive summer research at Sweet Briar or elsewhere. (For more information go to <http://envirosci.sbc.edu/>)

#### REQUIREMENTS FOR THE B.A. MAJOR

General Ecology

Micro-Economic Theory

Introduction to Environmental Studies

Introduction to Environmental Science

Environmental Policy and Problem-Solving Studio

Calculus I

Senior Seminar

Six courses in one of three concentrations

*And choose one of the following courses:*

Field Natural History

Environmental Analytical Chemistry

Advanced Lab in Environmental Science

Applied Statistics

Principles of Physics I

Mechanics

# The New Environmental Program

## A Natural Fit for Sweet Briar

This September marks the debut of the new Sweet Briar Environmental Program. The College's Board of Directors, administration, and faculty have made a significant commitment to this initiative, which *embraces so many of SBC's strategic planning themes:*

- The Environmental Program *promotes cooperative, experiential learning, both inside and outside of the classroom.* Field studies are integrated with work in disciplines across the campus, including anthropology, chemistry, computer science, math, molecular biology, physics, and philosophy.
- Both rigorous new majors—Environmental Science (B.S.) and Environmental Studies (B.A.)—offer students core courses and a choice of concentrations. Choosing a concentration, combined with seeking opportunities for intensive independent research, travel and study abroad, and internships, *encourages students to be proactive and intentional about their educations.*
- The program *makes the campus—the land—part of the learning experience.* Laboratory courses, on-campus research, and volunteer activities make use of the College's extraordinary 3,300 acres.
- The new Naturalist-In-Residence program, which takes place over the summer, *contributes to Sweet Briar's goal of becoming a college for year-long learning.* New and existing funds also allow students to remain on campus during the summer to plunge into projects too demanding to undertake during the academic year.
- The program places a strong emphasis on the importance of both science and policy in environmental problem solving. This approach, supported by programs such as the Julia Baldwin Waxter Environmental Studies Forum, *fosters an understanding and appreciation of diverse perspectives.*

The physical requirements of the program include two new tenure-track positions, renovations to existing facilities, and the purchase of laboratory equipment.

One faculty position is being left open until the program gets under way. Next winter the search for an assistant professor in environmental sciences will begin—most likely for a candidate with expertise in the earth sciences and in Geographic Information Systems (GIS). Meantime, the more critical, dual position of chair of the Environmental Studies Department and associate professor of environmental sciences has been accepted by Dr. David Orvos.

For the past three years, Dr. Orvos has led and helped develop the environmental science course curriculum and program at SUNY College at Fredonia. He has a long association with Virginia colleges and universities.

He received his bachelor's degree in biology from Eastern Mennonite College (now University) and his master's degree in biology from James Madison University. He earned a Ph.D. in biology from Virginia Tech in 1989.

Dr. John Cairns, Jr., University Distinguished Professor of Environmental Biology Emeritus served as Dr. Orvos' advisor at Virginia Tech. Dr. Orvos' doctoral dissertation explored the environmental risk of a genetically-engineered microorganism.

Dr. Orvos continued his postdoctoral research with Dr. Cairns. He assessed biotechnological risk for government and private agencies including the National Science Foundation, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. From 1991-97, Dr. Orvos was an environmental scientist at SmithKline Beecham Pharmaceuticals, assessing environmental impacts of the company's products and manufacturing process.

Dr. Orvos' expertise complements those of the current science



Bill and Judy Waxter '49, President Muhlenfeld and David Orvos

## Professor Hwang Teams with Professor Chang and Adam Werbach to Expand Learning Opportunities

From Kazakhstan to San Francisco, Sang Hwang, assistant professor of environmental studies, is collaborating with SBC faculty and friends to expand learning opportunities for students.

This summer he is traveling to Kazakhstan, where he is linking with Professor Claudia Chang's Talgar Archaeology Project. Building on her contacts with the Harvard Development Institute and the Kazakh National Academy of Sciences, Professor Hwang is investigating ways to expand connections for the College in the areas of archaeology, international affairs, environmental science, and environmental policy.

Amy De Angelis '01, an environmental studies major from New York, is traveling with Professor Hwang, conducting her own research on the developing country's environmental plans and policy debates. She will present her findings in a paper and in a presentation to the Sweet Briar community during the fall semester.

Also during the fall, Professor Hwang will join forces with Adam Werbach to teach a course on environmental activism.

Three years ago, at the age of 23, Werbach was elected national president of the Sierra Club, by far the youngest person ever to assume such a responsibility.

During the 1998-99 academic year, Werbach was invited to campus to inaugurate Sweet Briar's Julia B. Waxter Environmental Studies Forum. In addition to his evening lecture, he was invited to attend Professor Hwang's classes. The two developed a friendship and created a course outline for the upcoming Honors seminar.

Now 26, Werbach is based in San Francisco, where he hosts a television series and a website called Thin Green Line ([www.thingreenline.com](http://www.thingreenline.com)). He plans to remain on the West Coast, appearing live via the internet to co-teach the environmental

activism course with Professor Hwang.

"The video will be choppy, but his voice should carry real time," says Professor Hwang. "We will also use portions of his television series, airing on the Outdoor Life Network, as case studies. The purpose is to introduce students to the evolution of American civil disobedience, going back to writers like Thoreau. We want students to be aware that there is a long tradition of environmental activism that draws on a variety of philosophies and models."

faculty, with enough overlap to encourage collaboration.

"David's background brings wonderful synergies to the department," says Linda Fink, associate professor of biology. "He's at home in the field and the lab. He knows molecular biology and chemistry. He's interested in the effects of different chemicals—pollutants—in the aquatic environment. These toxins often occur in minute quantities, so you have to be a good analytical chemist to test for toxins in water and in fish tissue. At the same time, you have to be a good field biologist to know where to go to find samples and care for them. In short, he can show students why both skill sets are important.

"David is also at home in both academic and corporate settings. He can help to guide students toward graduate school and also prepare them for careers in industry and environmental risk assessment."

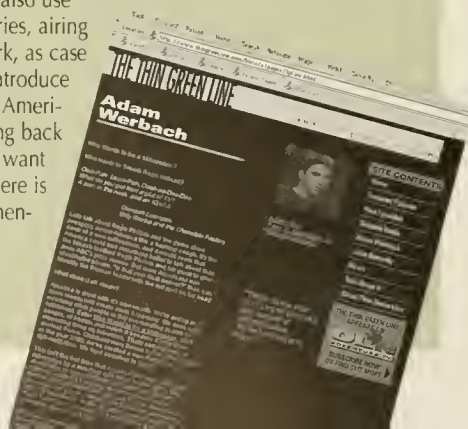
While Dr. Orvos leads the department and directs the bachelor of science major in environmental science, Sang Hwang, assistant professor of environmental studies, will direct the bachelor of arts major and continue to oversee the environmental studies minor.

"David and I overlap philosophically," says Professor Hwang. "We have the same outlook. That's important because the B.A. has an environmental science component and the B.S. has an environmental studies component.

"Environmental issues are not singular. Having an environmental scientist in place allows us to take full advantage of something that students are catching onto out in the world. Not only is this field one of the fastest-growing areas of study nationwide, it is an area that matches Sweet Briar's mission to prepare women to be leaders and global citizens."

Professor Hwang, a social scientist, is keeping his office in the Chapel. This summer, the College is renovating the caboose and train station near Guion to serve as an office and wet laboratory for Dr. Orvos.

In what is turning out to be a win-win situation all around, Joe Monk, associate professor of studio art and current occupant of the caboose and train station, is moving over to the dairy, where he has wanted to be located for quite a while.





# Taking the Scenic Route

Professor Orvos' Journey to Sweet Briar

David Orvos, Sweet Briar's new professor of environmental science and chair of the environmental studies department, is happy to be coming home.

A native of Maryland, Professor Orvos spent 12 years studying in Virginia at Eastern Mennonite University, James Madison University, and Virginia Tech. Though he hoped to settle down and teach in this area of the country (his wife's family is from Virginia), his mentor and advisor at Tech encouraged him to "take the scenic route" through the environmental sciences.

"Dr. John Cairns, Jr., the man I worked with at Virginia Tech, had outside experiences that he brought into his research," explains Professor Orvos. "His approach made me aware of the need to spend time working in the private sector. I wanted to teach, but knew I needed cross training to understand the dynamics of the discipline."

After earning his Ph.D. in biology from Virginia Tech in 1989, Professor Orvos worked as an environmental consultant, running an environmental laboratory for Roy F. Weston, Inc. in West Chester, Pennsylvania. Two years later, he traded that managerial position for a research-centered opportunity at SmithKline Beecham Pharmaceuticals.

"I loved it at SmithKline," says Professor Orvos. "The work environment was state-of-the-art. We had student interns and I taught at night. The hours and money were great. I found myself becoming perfectly comfortable—maybe too comfortable. I knew if I was going to make a move, I'd better do it soon."

Three years ago, Professor Orvos left the corporate world behind to lead and develop the biology and environmental sciences program at the State University of New York in Fredonia. Among his achievements, he forged a relationship between his department, state organizations, and the local community, putting his students to work on environmental problems in and around Lake Erie.

"Half of my students at Fredonia are working on fisheries," says Professor Orvos. "I knew very little about fisheries before I took the job, but it was a regional issue that had a lot to offer our program. As things turned out, the state people were happy to see us. Someone just needed to make the connection—to cross the college/non-college barrier. I'm not afraid to step out and do that even though the process often reveals gaps in my education and understanding."

Though Professor Orvos did not arrive on campus until August, he has already investigated issues and opportunities involving the region's Tye and James rivers. His expertise in environmental toxicology will create new research opportunities for students on campus.

"Toxicologists study poisons and how they affect humans and the environment," explains Professor Orvos. "We look at organic chemicals—DDT and dioxins—or inorganics like heavy metals. For example, when I heard that Sweet Briar used to have apple orchards, I immediately thought of arsenic. Fifty

<http://nature.sbc.edu>

About a year ago, Linda Fink, associate professor of biology, sat down to write a Sweet Briar field guide, a book that the community and visitors could use to explore the natural environment. Instead, she ended up creating a website that serves as a resource and meeting place for on and off-campus naturalists.

The multipurpose site provides maps and information about the sanctuaries and ecological study areas on campus. It is a collective nature journal, featuring the observations of students and faculty who are out researching or recreating on Sweet Briar's 3,300 acres. It serves as a virtual kiosk, keeping the community informed of lectures and events, professional and student job opportunities, and news related to the Sweet Briar landscape. It is worth checking out for the photography and artwork alone.

"I decided to create a place where students who are interested in natural history would have a home, an identity," says Professor Fink. It is part of my goal to develop Sweet Briar's reputation as a college that produces the best conservation and field biologists in the country. I could have the same wish anywhere I taught. But at Sweet Briar, with our landscape, commitment, and resources, it's a goal that is within our reach.

"The website also allows me to send an important message to prospective student naturalists. That is, if you like the idea of wading up to your waist in mud and being bitten by chiggers so that you can answer a critical question, Sweet Briar is the place you want to be."

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—Linda Fink



**STUDYING SWEET BRIAR'S BEAVERS**

Our faculty of beavers mostly live in Sweet Briar College's two main and surrounding areas. They have created a comprehensive page and board to document their work and share their progress with the community. This is a collective nature journal, featuring the observations of students and faculty who are out researching or recreating on Sweet Briar's 3,300 acres. It serves as a virtual kiosk, keeping the community informed of lectures and events, professional and student job opportunities, and news related to the Sweet Briar landscape. It is worth checking out for the photography and artwork alone.

**MAP SHOWING LOCATION OF BEAVER AREAS**

BEAVER ACTIVITY AT SWEET BRIAR, FALL 1999

SITE	DATE	ACTIVITY
1	10/1/99	Beaver activity observed at site 1.
2	10/2/99	Beaver activity observed at site 2.
3	10/3/99	Beaver activity observed at site 3.
4	10/4/99	Beaver activity observed at site 4.
5	10/5/99	Beaver activity observed at site 5.
6	10/6/99	Beaver activity observed at site 6.
7	10/7/99	Beaver activity observed at site 7.
8	10/8/99	Beaver activity observed at site 8.
9	10/9/99	Beaver activity observed at site 9.
10	10/10/99	Beaver activity observed at site 10.

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—Professor Orvos

years ago, it was used as an insecticide. I'm planning to have students take soil samples. If arsenic is here, we can study how it's been moving through the environment."

Professor Orvos describes himself as a "gamish," a person with a mix of interests and preferences who is not afraid to take chances. He is at home both in the outdoors and in the laboratory.

He almost turned down the opportunity to interview at Sweet Briar, concerned that the size of the College might limit its commitment to an environmental program. The students and administrators he met quickly convinced him otherwise.

"It doesn't take long to see that this is an institution that can permanently change someone's life," says Professor Orvos. "As a teacher, that's the level of interaction I am looking for. The students really swayed me—and not just the seniors. I had freshmen and sophomores in class, confronting me, trying to back me into a corner. As much as I encourage students to 'get in my face,' I rarely get the response I received here. It was quite amazing. It knocked me over."

In recent years, Professor Orvos has become more concerned with issues of long-term sustainability—100 to 200 years as opposed to one or two years. He has also become more active in the "gray areas" of environmental science, the places where science meets social, political, and economic concerns.

"A lot of my current interests came to the forefront after my son was born six years ago," recalls Professor Orvos. "When that happened, some little switch clicked and I began to look past the end of my nose. I am worried about what his world will be like if some things don't change. As a scientist, I'm more willing than ever before to jump into the fray. I want to see my students, this department, and Sweet Briar College have a lasting impact. The possibilities are enormous and I'm looking forward to the challenge."

# Perfect Timing

The Julia B. Waxter Environmental Forum  
at Sweet Briar

Several years ago, Julia "Judy" Baldwin Waxter '49 and her husband Bill approached the College with the idea of sponsoring an annual environmental forum, lecture, or event. The timing was perfect. The College's strategic planning process had just made land use management a priority issue and identified Sweet Briar's 3,300 acre campus as a major educational and recreational asset.

A government and economics major, Judy has always maintained a strong interest in the sciences. Both she and Bill love the outdoors and were particularly inspired by books like Paul Hawken's *The Ecology of Commerce*. The Waxters also share wonderful memories of the Sweet Briar campus.

"A half century ago," recalls Judy, "I soaked up the beauty of the Sweet Briar landscape: the loop to the monument and dairy and back to my dorm; the pleasure of the outing cabin; and walking with classmates or Bill on the road to Amherst."

"We even climbed High Peak, taking the bus to Monroe, walking on a lane to the base of the mountain, and making our way up without a trail. There was only one small tower on top, but our bubble burst when we discovered a *road* leading up from the other side."

The Waxter's idea for an annual environmental event put them in touch with like-minded members of the SBC community. As things turned out, their thoughts were in sync with the College's emerging vision for education in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. The Julia B. Waxter Environmental Forum at Sweet Briar became a feather in the cap of the new Environmental Program.

"Bill and I are happy to be part of the environmental initiative," says Judy. "We're impressed by President Muhlenfeld's leadership, Sang Hwang's impetus, Linda Fink's energy, David Orvos' arrival, and the creative planning for two new environmentally-oriented majors. So many departments are participating in this interdisciplinary approach."

"Even Donna Meeks, the grounds superintendent and horticulturist, is letting the dandelions grow in the West Dell rather than using herbicides that would drain down into the biology department's Guion Pond Woodland Garden below."

The Waxter Forum debut in 1999 brought former Sierra Club president Adam Werbach to campus to participate in classes and give a lecture open to the surrounding community. The visit sparked a friendship between Werbach and Professor Hwang, who are co-teaching a course on environmental activism next semester.

The 2000 forum introduced David Orvos to the community. His presentation was titled "Invaders in Our Lakes—The Effect of Exotic Organisms and Residential Development."

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—Judy Baldwin Waxter '49



# Experiential Learning

## Three Biology Majors Discuss their Senior Projects

For biology majors like Ashley Black '00, Marlena Koper '00, and Kim Leach '00, concepts like "hands-on" experiential education or "learning on the land" are not exactly new and exciting curricular or co-curricular concepts. It's simply what they do.

Last year, while other seniors were at the library or on the internet, pulling together the resources needed to write their theses and final papers, Ashley, Marlena, and Kim were headed outside.

Every biology major at Sweet Briar is required to complete a senior project. The research that engaged these three majors is representative of the types of projects seniors with an interest in fieldwork pursue.

Ashley Black '00, a biology major and environmental studies minor, spent the summer of 1999 monitoring piping plovers on the barrier island of Chincoteague in northeast Virginia. The team consisted of six interns and three biologists.

The interns worked in shifts from 4:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. guarding and observing the birds in an effort to determine if further protections were needed. The birds nest in the sand on the beach and are threatened both by natural predators and sport utility vehicles.

*Among her responsibilities, Ashley located nests, counted eggs, and put up wire enclosures to protect them. After the birds hatched, the interns took turns shooing away eagles and watching for traffic.*

"The experience gave me a clear sense of what it means to put together a management plan to protect a species," says Ashley. "We did behavior studies and mapped the plover's movements. The data will help to determine if it is necessary to close the beach to vehicles completely during breeding season."

As part of her senior project, Ashley took 11 years of piping plover data, did statistical tests, and created graphs which she shared with the Chincoteague researchers.

Marlena Koper '00 decided to take a closer look at vinca, an invasive ground cover, typically planted around homes and gardens, that has found its way into Sweet Briar's forests.

"One of Dr. Fink's ecology students noticed that more acorns were being taken away in vinca versus non-vinca areas," explains Marlena. "I started wondering if the vinca attracted more nocturnal mice and small mammals, if the ground cover gave them support and cover."

*Marlena's three-month long vegetative study involved setting up 64 Sherman traps on four vinca and non-vinca plots, each carefully selected to make sure that vinca was the only variable.*



Wearing gloves to avoid scent contamination, Marlena and an assistant headed out every day in the early morning to measure, weigh, and mark the animals. Halfway through the project, she had already gone through five pounds of peanut butter and the vinca areas were showing a higher tally of deer mice, white-footed mice, and flying squirrels.

"I had never worked with animals before," says Marlena. "The first day was fun. I had two escapes. It's hard to hold a flying squirrel. If the scene had been on video, I'd have received an award!"

Kim Leach '00 wanted to work with amphibians on campus and narrowed her senior research down to a project titled "How Abiotic Factors Affect the Calling Intensity of Spring Peepers and American Toads."

Using a standardized calling intensity scale (with zero meaning silence or no calls and 3 meaning calls so strong that individuals cannot be distinguished in a chorus), Kim set out to see if the frogs' calls were influenced by air and water temperature, wind speed, rainfall, ground temperature, and cloud cover.

An avid equestrian and captain of the club riding team, Kim became interested in calls when she was making a video for her field natural history course. "I'm always listening when I'm out riding," says Kim. "Anyone who rides with me ends up getting a natural history lesson. So, along with two other students, I decided to make it official and create a video of what to look and listen for when you're out riding on the trails."

*Incorporating her senior research into a schedule that included evening classes was a challenge.*



*Kim maintained four sites, which had her out for three hours from dusk to dark twice a week and outside at one site every three hours day and night on Tuesdays.*

"This is what I love doing," says Kim. "When I spent the fall semester of my junior year at the University of Melbourne in Australia, I went on the night hikes, looking for critters—the possums in the trees. In high school, I went to Costa Rica to study eyelash vipers. Starting in the seventh grade, I volunteered at the Museum of Natural Sciences in Raleigh, North Carolina, where I was always offering to take home the donated animals: snakes, birds, and kangaroo rats. My parents have been very good about it all."

"Finding Sweet Briar with its combination of a strong biology program, a great riding program, and 3,300 acres—I couldn't believe it. Everything I was looking for was right here."

# A Tapestry of Opportunities

## SBC Students Participate Directly in International Research

During the summer of 1999 two biology majors, Jennifer Lear '99 and Marlena Koper '00, ventured into a cloud forest on the southern slopes of the Nepal Himalayas during monsoon season to increase their field experience, work on their own projects, and further faculty research.

The trek from Pokhara up to the Annapurna Conservation Area took four days and required 27 porters. "No stair master can prepare you for a hike like that," says Marlena. "It's strenuous and hard, but the surroundings are so breathtaking that you completely forget about the leeches between your toes."

Though the College did not directly fund the trip, both students were supported through on-campus jobs. Marlena went to work restoring the pond behind Guion for Dr. Linda Fink, associate professor of biology. Jennifer started her current position assisting Lincoln Brower, research professor in biology.

The story behind the Nepal excursion goes back to the 1998-99 academic year when the Sweet Briar Honors Program initiated the Jessie Ball duPont Scholars-in-Residence Program.

The duPont Program invites doctoral candidates to campus to diversify the curriculum, enrich the community, and provide students with graduate school role models. The Scholars teach one class each semester and participate in co-curricular activities, while working to complete their dissertations.

Participation in the duPont Program is open to all 19 academic departments at Sweet Briar; Dr. Fink saw the beauty of it immediately. The candidate she selected for field biology, Dorothy Allard from the University of Cambridge, had precisely the background Dr. Fink was looking for to complement the department.

Allard had expertise in the geographic positioning systems (GIS) and global positioning systems (GPS) Dr. Fink was implementing to map and manage the College's expansive, forested campus. Professor Fink also selected Allard for her professional experience: 12 years as a regional ecologist for the Nature Conservancy and additional service as a consultant to the King Mahendra Trust for Nature Conservation in Katmandu.

Allard's own research was another draw. While conducting field research on the southern slopes of the Nepal Himalayas in 1995, Allard collected specimens of an unusual plant growing on the trunks of giant fir trees. When she returned to the University of Cambridge, where she was pursuing a doctoral degree in geography, she immediately set out to identify her find. An expert at the Royal Botanic Gardens confirmed that her plant was a member of the genus *Pedicularis* or common lousewort. Beyond that, its unique characteristics suggested that Allard may have stumbled on a new species.

During her residency, Allard gave formal and informal talks about her research and the trip she was planning to collect flowering samples of *Pedicularis* in Nepal. Her offer to take Sweet Briar students on the five-week trip was not lost on Jennifer and

Marlena. Both students scrambled to write proposals and pull the funding together.

For Marlena, then a junior from New Rochelle, New York, the trip was a test. She wanted to confirm that she was cut out for rigorous fieldwork. In addition to helping Dorothy Allard tag and press specimens, Marlena proposed performing pollination ecology studies on the *Pedicularis*. For Jennifer, a senior from Des Moines, Iowa, the Nepal excursion presented the opportunity to continue the tree research she was carrying out under the guidance of Lincoln Brower.

Professor Brower is one of the world's foremost experts on monarch butterflies. For 23 years he has been engaged in a campaign to protect the monarchs' overwintering sites in the mountains of central Mexico, a handful of ridges where tens of millions of monarchs can be found November-March, clinging to the



Toward the end of the trek, Marlena Koper '00 was confidently striding over these bridges in time to turn and photograph Jennifer Lear '99 and Professor Allard making their way across.



trunks and branches of ancient oyamel fir trees.

Legal and illegal commercial logging, fires, and ecotourism are threatening to decimate the moisture-and-temperature-sensitive swarms of monarchs whose survival depends upon maintaining the density and health of a narrow belt of high-altitude fir forests. These forests, with their specialized ecosystems, constitute less than one-half of one percent of Mexico's land area.

Since the eastern monarchs' overwintering sites were discovered in 1975, Professor Brower has been gathering scientific data to use as ammunition in the fight to protect both the ancient firs and the

roosting butterflies. Part of his research involves understanding how the microclimate of the older, larger trees serves to enhance the survival of the monarchs. Sweet Briar students are participating in these studies by conducting basic research and working out the technical challenges in the sanctuaries on campus.

"The butterfly colony structures are very dense," explains Professor Brower. "There are 2.5 million butterflies per acre. All of them avoid the treetops to prevent heat loss to the night sky.



Dust clouds created by eco-tourists are choking the butterflies.

## The Good News Is... Professor Brower Persists In Efforts To Protect The Monarch

Lincoln Brower, research professor in biology, is one of the world's leading experts on monarch butterflies.

In recent months, Professor Brower's participation in an effort to protect monarch sanctuaries in Mexico has drawn *Vanity Fair* photographers and "Dateline NBC" reporters to the campus. Alumnae have mailed in clippings of an article that appeared in the *Los Angeles Times* in February, the *Plain Dealer* in March, and *Newsday* in May. In June, National Public Radio's "All Things Considered" interviewed Professor Brower in his office in Guion and at the home he shares in Nelson County with his wife, Sweet Briar biology professor Linda Fink.

For nearly 25 years, ever since the eastern monarch's overwintering sites were discovered in the isolated mountains of central Mexico, Professor Brower has been struggling to preserve what he calls an "endangered biological phenomenon." Every winter, from November through March, tens of millions of monarchs cluster on 12 tiny remnants of oyamel forest that remain in the Mexican highlands. The event is dazzling—an orange blizzard—with butterflies clinging to every inch of the giant fir trees.

Extinction is not an issue for Professor Brower. Monarch populations are not limited to North America. And even here, the eastern monarchs that participate in the annual migration from Canada to Mexico and back again are pretty tough. But census data on the eastern butterflies are showing a decline that may spell disaster for them and for the western population of North American monarchs as well.

If Professor Brower and his colleagues are correct, "the long term survival of the western population depends upon occasional large influxes from the eastern population." The western monarch population that overwinters in California is routinely bolstered by eastern monarchs that have been blown off their normal course. To the east and possibly to the west, the fate of the North American monarch hinges on the willingness of Mexican loggers, farmers, and tourists to leave the oyamel forests intact and undisturbed.

Alumnae who have seen, read, or heard Professor Brower speak on the subject know that legal and illegal commercial logging is seriously altering the forest microclimate. When loggers cut down old trees, they are punching holes in an oyamel fir blanket that keeps the roosting monarchs warm and dry. As a result, the butterflies freeze to death during cold spells that occur 11,000 feet up in the mountains. Thinning also allows warm air to penetrate the forest, prompting the monarchs to disperse too soon.

Eco-tourism is offering no relief either—just the opposite. The dust clouds created during the October-May dry season by eco-tourists on horseback, in pickups, and on foot are choking the butterflies, clogging the minuscule breathing holes that line their abdomens.

When he is quoted on these matters, Professor Brower speaks frankly about a situation he views as "a hell of a mess." In 1986, the Mexican government issued a decree banning logging inside a modest 62-square-mile area of the endangered oyamel forest, thereby protecting 17 square miles of core butterfly territory. In response, angry loggers clear cut the Chivati-Huacal, one of five sanctuaries protected by the decree. Things have been

going downhill ever since.

The good news is that Professor Brower is not giving up. He is traveling to Mexico several times a year, working with the World Wildlife Fund and like-minded environmental groups in Mexico to craft a new presidential decree.

Among its objectives, the revised document would enlarge the five sanctuaries, adding the natural resources required to help sustain the remaining high altitude, cloud-forest ecosystem. The new plan would also take socioeconomic concerns into account, developing wood lots for cutting below the oyamel forest and rotating tourism sites. Education is another goal, getting people to see the ecological wisdom and realize the long-term benefits of protecting their own forests.

"The forest is not regenerating," says Brower. "There are lots of places where seedlings are not getting reestablished. This is a self-sustaining delicate ecosystem, where fog condenses on the needles of the trees. I suspect that 'fog drip' contributes very significantly to the rainfall totals on these little forest islands that stick up at high altitude in an otherwise arid area. Almost all the water local towns down below use is coming off these mountains. Their water supplies are jeopardized by thinning the oyamel forest."

—Lincoln Brower

Professor Brower is involving his students in the research—the hard science—he needs to support his efforts. In addition to issues directly related to monarchs and the oyamel forests, students may begin investigating a possible new threat to the butterflies: Bt pollen from corn plants genetically engineered to produce a toxin lethal to the European corn borer.

According to Professor Brower, the majority of North American monarchs reproduce in the corn belt, where a quarter of the crop's 80 million acres is planted with Bt seed.

Last year, scientists at Cornell University published alarming findings in the journal *Nature*. To test the effects of Bt corn on non-target species, the researchers dusted milkweed leaves with Bt corn pollen. Milkweed plays an essential role in the monarch's life cycle, supplying larvae with food and chemical defenses. The monarch caterpillars exposed to the Bt pollen were killed or stunted. The biotech industry is challenging the study.

"Sweet Briar is a very sophisticated little place," says Professor Brower. "Students here can initiate and participate in research that is not beholden to anybody. Having that freedom, adding to the diversity of approaches, is an important part of our culture."

"The thing of it is, all wildlife is being impacted by too many people. We happen to see it with the monarch because it's such a popular creature."

Instead, they cluster on the lower branches and wrap themselves around the tree trunks.

"The way the mountains are oriented, northern storms out of Canada penetrate across the Tropic of Cancer in Mexico. Eleven thousand feet up in the oyamel forests, the butterflies are subject to brief but intense cold spells. During those periods, I noticed that the butterflies on the trunks of the trees had a higher survival rate. I thought about it for a long time and came up with the hypothesis that a tree trunk is like a hot water bottle.

## Mapping the Future: Professor Fink Brings Critical, Useful Technologies to Campus

Linda Fink, associate professor of biology, saw it coming.

In recent years she has devoted large portions of her sabbatical leave and spare time to mastering the use of global positioning system (GPS) and geographical information system (GIS) technologies.

GPS/GIS skills are in demand in a wide variety of fields, from advertising to wastewater treatment. Right now, Professor Fink's students are glad she took the lead in bringing GPS devices and Arc View GIS software to campus. In time, the entire community will directly or indirectly benefit from it. (See "Creating Maps For The Riding Center Helps Diana Booth '00 Find Her Career Path" in this issue.)

The quality of the GPS navigational information used by pilots, drivers, boaters, hikers, and skiers dramatically improved last spring when the military discontinued the practice of "dimming" the accuracy of civilian devices. When GPS and other data are integrated with GIS mapping software, the combination can help people pinpoint water and sewer lines, track criminal activity, reroute delivery trucks, monitor the spread of fires, analyze disease trends, or tell landscapers exactly which trees to prune when.

In the biology department, students are taking retired Professor Buck Edwards' hand-drawn maps and meticulous field notes on the COSIP transect (located in Fern Woods southwest of the Riding Center) and entering his data into a computer. Then, students like Andrea Capano '99 are following up by remapping and permanently tagging all the trees in the same area. When both databases are merged and graphically displayed, the results are spectacular.

Click on an individual red maple, check on its health, and see how much it has grown in 10 years. Click on an early successional species like the pines and see them die off and disappear as the forest continues to age and evolve. Even more exciting, what has been done using trees in this example can just as easily be applied to reveal the changing characteristics of birds, insects, fungi, beavers, flowers, and salamanders on campus.

Layering archival and current information over aerial maps of the College has the potential not only to expose students to the latest technologies used in fieldwork and research, it gives the College a powerful mapping and decision-making tool. The Riding Center, the Physical Plant, Finance and Administration, SWEBOP, and the Department of Safety are just a few of the offices that will eventually benefit from its use.



"Back at Sweet Briar, I worked out the methodology with Gina Campbell '00. Then, Jennifer tested the hot water bottle hypothesis on larger scale in the pine forests here."

Jennifer's senior project entailed collecting data on pine trees in the Sweet Briar woods. These small, Excel-compatible digital logging devices she installed on the trunks of the pines recorded the temperature of the bark and the ambient air temperature every 30 minutes. The experiment showed that in November at SBC, when a cold front passes through, the air temperature can be 10 degrees lower than the surface temperature of a tree trunk. The larger the tree, the warmer the trunk.

"At minus 8 degrees Celsius (17.6 F), 50 percent of the monarchs will die—if they are dry," says Professor Brower. "If the monarchs are wet and exposed to the night sky, 50 percent will die at minus 4 degrees. The value of the trees as hot water bottles and as umbrellas is critical. What Gina and Jennifer did here was demonstrate that the hot water bottle effect is real—and their work has since been repeated in Mexico."

In addition to pure adventure, Jennifer was interested in Nepal because the site was at the same altitude and latitude as the monarch sanctuaries in Mexico. Even more intriguing, the mature silver fir trees (*Abies spectabilis*) in Nepal's Annapurna Conservation Area were the same genus as the oyamel firs in Mexico. The thought of getting additional data from the virgin forests of Annapurna proved irresistible.

"Dorothy Allard's *Pedicularis*, an epiphyte, grows on the trunks of trees in fir forests," says Jennifer. "One of my questions was to see if an epiphyte acts like a butterfly, if the heat from the trunks of the trees had any effect. The age and size of the trees was also important. The climate on the surface of a big old tree is fundamentally different from the same tree

at half the size. Cutting down an old tree and planting a new one in its place is not an even swap."

In addition to gathering hard data, camping in the Himalayas during the monsoon season gave Jennifer special insight into the monarch's plight. "Being wet at that altitude," says Jennifer, "I discovered that having a hot water bottle really does help. I slept with one every night."

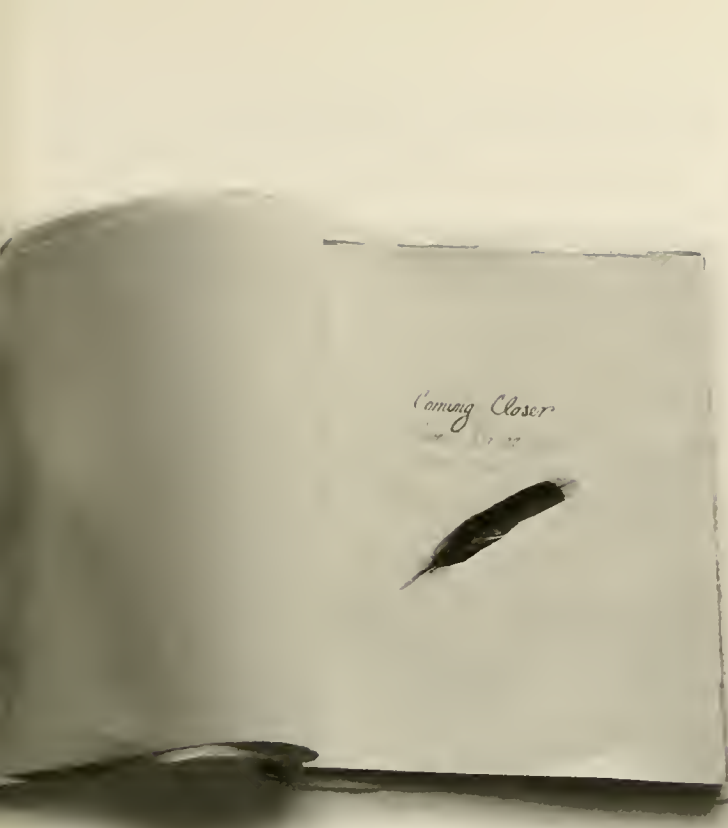
—Lincoln Brower

Among her responsibilities, Marlena helped to create continuous plots of fir trees; counted, measured, and tagged the trees within each plot; and tagged 357 of the unknown species of *Pedicularis*. She put her nets and jars to work on her own pollinator studies (curiously, there were flies but no bees). She also discovered another use for a plant press. "We used the press to dry our socks and underwear," says Marlena. "It was nice to have because our clothes were damp all the time."

This summer, a few weeks after she graduates, Marlena will be in a sub-alpine fir "wave" forest near Lake Placid, New York counting cones and seedlings, and coring and measuring DBH on Balsam fir (*Abies balsamea*) trees. Jennifer, who has been on campus archiving data and photographs for Professor Brower, is starting a master's program in biology with a concentration in marine life at Old Dominion University in Norfolk, Virginia.

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# Nature Journals

Integrating the Land with Art, Science, and Literature

Science professors and students are not the only ones to take advantage of SBC's 3,300-acre outdoor classroom. Twice, Laura Pharis, associate professor of studio art, has teamed up with Professor Fink in biology to offer a "Nature Journals" course. Next spring, Marcia Robertson, associate professor of English, is offering an Honors Seminar titled "Reading and Writing About the Natural World."

For Professor Pharis, the "Nature Journals" course underscored a change taking place in her own work. Raised in the city, with a B.F.A. from Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond, a special advanced studies year in London, and an M.F.A. from the University of Wisconsin in Madison, she arrived at Sweet Briar with an urban sensibility.

"I *never* thought that I would be incorporating nature into my work to the extent I am now," says Professor Pharis. "You can't help but be influenced by the surroundings here. It affects you before you become aware of it. It's magical."

"The journals class included a combination of set and open assignments. Every student had to raise a tobacco horn worm—fast growing caterpillars with cute tails—and draw it every day. The writings and drawings they did for their own projects were gorgeous. Students made the paper for the front and back covers of their journals and bound their books with sticks they found on the ground."

"One student created a stunning piece on the Constitution Oaks Sanctuary at the entrance of the College. Another drew a particular spot on campus at different times of the day. Professor Fink has posted portions of 'Appreciation of Random Botany' by

## True to His Beliefs: Professor Buck Edwards' "Naturalist-in-Residence Program" Starts This Summer

From the day he began teaching in 1965, Ernest P. "Buck" Edwards, Sweet Briar's Dorys McConnell DuBerg Professor of Ecology Emeritus, has used the campus land as a laboratory.

"My feeling is that the first and best use of the forest is for educational purposes," says Professor Edwards. Unless someone can make an extraordinary argument otherwise, education is the default."

True to his beliefs, Professor Edwards recently made a generous gift to the College that includes funding for a "Naturalist-in-Residence Program." (See "Reading the Land" on the inside back cover of this issue.)

Open to Ph.D. candidates, postdoctoral fellows, and Ph.D.-level field scientists, the three major goals of the program are: to provide high quality field research experience for Sweet Briar students, increase our knowledge about the biodiversity of the land, and increase the visibility and reputation of the College as a field research site.

This summer, the grant has been given to an ornithologist. Blodwyn "Wendy" M. McIntyre is a doctoral degree candidate in environmental sciences at the University of Virginia. She earned her master's in forestry at Duke University's School of Forestry and Environmental Sciences and her bachelor of science degree in ecology from The Colorado College in Colorado Springs.

"Sweet Briar's proposal," says Wendy, "was similar to my dissertation work, which required training five undergraduates to survey birds and collect habitat data in Albemarle County, Virginia."

"One significant difference will be in the area of GIS and statistical analysis. The students I worked with before were purely field assistants. At Sweet Briar, I'll be using a student on the data entry and analysis end, too. Professor Fink in the biology department has already created detailed maps. We'll be able to put our points—all 50 to 75 locations—on her map."

For Wendy, the summer position is giving her an opportunity to test the statistical model she developed for her dissertation and perfect her techniques. For Megan Ogilvie '02, a rising junior and newly declared environmental science major from Canada, the summer job has exceeded her expectations.

"I grew up on a farm and I ride horses," says Megan. "I'm used to long hours, working outside in the heat, getting bitten by insects. When I picked my major, I let Professor Fink know that I was interested in an internship. But I wasn't expecting to do something this exciting this soon."

"This is perfect timing for me. I had already taken a whole sequence of biology and chemistry courses, planning to put together my own environmental studies major. Then, the program became a reality. The longer I'm at Sweet Briar, the more opportunities like this keep coming to the surface—in academics, athletics, and co-curricular life."

This summer Wendy and Megan will create a foundation for further fieldwork in the area of biodiversity on campus. For example, the plots they inventory can be used to survey and study small mammals.

"Biodiversity is becoming a valuable commodity, says Wendy. "Maintaining biodiversity as a goal in land use planning is a relatively new thing and a wonderful idea. It would be nice to study all animals. But birds are easy to count and they indicate other habitats. It's a good place to start."



Wendy McIntyre



Megan Ogilvie '02

Kelli Rogowski '99 on her website [<http://nature.sbc.edu>]."

Unlike Professor Pharis, Professor Robertson arrived at Sweet Briar with a bit more experience in the outdoors. She is a hiker and horseback rider who occasionally fishes.

"To compare myself to someone like SWEBOP's Laura Staman, to say I am anywhere near her category, would be blasphemy," laughs Professor Robertson. "I am an outdoor dilettante."

Professor Robertson views her upcoming course as a way to support both the Learning on the Land initiative and the Environmental Studies Program. She is looking forward to broadening her literary training and hopes to attract both humanities and science students.

"Sang Hwang," Professor Robertson recalls, "put the bug in my ear years ago. Linda Fink will be leading some of the nature walks. What pleases me about this topic is that nature writers come out of so many different fields.

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# Ralph Adams Cram vs. The Crab Apples

## Tricia Hamilton '01 Leads the Students' Fight to Save the Trees

Tricia Hamilton '01 had not done anything like it before.

In April 1999, three weeks before the end of classes, with tests looming and papers to write, she found herself leading an effort to save the crab apple trees in front of Benedict.

In biology class, Professor Fink had mentioned that summer restoration plans for the Benedict wall included removing the 50-75 year-old trees—natural landmarks which students used to study bees in the spring.

"In addition to being beautiful," says Tricia, "tree experts visiting the campus had noted that our crab apples were incredible specimens. Cutting them down without first considering some alternative seemed reckless—especially to the Classes of 2001 and 2002, which had gone through the 'Learning on the Land' orientation.

"That evening, during a lull in the conversation at dinner, I raised the issue and the reaction was overwhelming. The crab apples were in bloom and everyone knew exactly which trees I was talking about."

Inspired, Tricia started by e-mailing a petition to her classmates and received 300 responses in three days. Half the student body read the document, added their names, and wrote comments about seeing the trees during their prospective student visits, using the crab apples as a backdrop in their photographs, and counting on the blossoms to cheer them on their way to exams. A few objected to Ralph Adams Cram's built environment taking precedence over the natural environment. Most called for a compromise.

Tricia gathered the names and comments and submitted them in a letter to President Muhlenfeld. The president acknowledged the students' concerns and looked into the situation. On April 30, the administration announced that only the smallest of the crab

## The Fletcher Oak: An Old Favorite Gets Extra Care from the Grounds Crew



Donna Meeks, Sweet Briar's new grounds superintendent and horticulturist, delivered the unhappy news as delicately as she could.

"I can't say we are saving the Fletcher Oak," she explained. "We are trying to extend its life."

Donna, who received her master's degree in landscape design with a concentration in community development from Virginia Tech, understands that the tree is a natural landmark and an old favorite among students, alumnae, faculty, and staff.

"Mother Nature is stronger than we are," says Donna. "If we did nothing, the tree would go down quickly. But because the Fletcher Oak is important to this community, we're doing as much as we can to keep it from being stressed.

"It's similar to what happens to people: when our immune systems get run down, we get sick. We're trying to build up the red oak's health. We've pruned out a lot of the dead wood last fall. We're injecting natural, helpful fungi into the soil and also treating the tree for a fungus that is not good. We're fertilizing, watering, and keeping our fingers crossed that we don't have another drought this summer."

Fans of the Fletcher Oak, including President Muhlenfeld, appreciate the extra effort the grounds crew is making, giving the tree the careful attention it needs to stand tall and grace the campus a good while longer.

*Photo by Elisabeth Muhlenfeld: Fletcher Oak, 7:00 a.m. Christmas Day, 1999*



apples would have to be removed. The two remaining trees would undergo careful pruning to open the view of Cram's balustrade.

This spring, the trees were back in bloom, helping to mask the unsightly construction in front of Benedict. Tricia was not here to see them.

The summer after her sophomore year, she headed to Michigan State University to participate in the National Science Foundation's "Research Experience for Undergraduates." The three-month program allowed her to work with a professor and graduate students on an aquatic ecology project.

Tricia, who is interested in ichthyology (the study of fish), followed her summer experience with a junior year "abroad" studying marine biology at Texas A&M University in Galveston.

She returned to Sweet Briar this summer to get a jump on her Honors thesis, studying the effects of stock trout on natural trout, other fish, and insects in nearby mountain streams.

"A lot of us who were going away or abroad wondered if we were really prepared," says Tricia. "All I can say is the caliber of my Sweet Briar education ranks very high; the biology department is strong. I've discovered that I'm well-rounded and have more 'hands-on' experience, so I've retained things better. My first two years, I was in small labs, working out in the field with Ph.D.s. I didn't realize how special that experience was until I didn't have it anymore. I'm looking forward to my senior year."

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*asking them to sign it. She then went to the Sweet Briar College Environmental Center and met with the national environmentalists. Most called it a compromise.*

## No Better Place

Penelope "Penny" Lane Czarra '75 Highlights the Advantages of Majoring in Environmental Studies at Sweet Briar

Sweet Briar's environmental program has been evolving informally for decades.

Twenty-five years ago, Penelope "Penny" Lane Czarra '75 self-designed an interdisciplinary major in human ecology. (Today, a similar combination of science, sociology, history, politics, and philosophy is available as an environmental studies concentration in global environment and sustainable development.)

After graduation, Penny continued her studies at the Harvard Graduate School of Design, where she received a master's in city planning with a concentration in international development in 1978. Several years later, in 1985, she was named a Loeb Fellow in Advanced Environmental Studies at Harvard in recognition of her work with rural development organizations in South Asia.

Penny's professional experience includes six years "on the ground" in India, working with poor villagers in the Bhal region of Gujarat State to create an organization called UTTHAN, which means "to rise up." Back in the U.S., she has served as a project officer for Appropriate Technology International (ATI) in Washington, D.C., developing land-use techniques for non-experts in India, Bangladesh, Nepal, and Indonesia.

In recent years, Penny has focused on global education efforts in this country, producing innovative programming which premiered on The Learning Channel. Her company, Global View, created the series "Eastern Europe: Breaking with the Past" (1990), "Earthscope" (1991), and "US" (1996).

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*"The most important lesson—the thing that 'saved me' out in the field—was something I learned at Sweet Briar. That is, you have to keep an open mind, you have to listen, and you have to join a situation in order to make sound decisions."*

—Penny Lane Czarra '75



"For example, concerning India, the official thinking was that you should never bring tractors into poor agricultural areas because tractors would put uneducated laborers out of work. But, in the community where I lived, people desperately wanted a tractor to free up some labor, so they could make incremental improvements in other basic areas. It's very frustrating and, in cases like that, your only hope is to stick together and persist. In fact, the close sense of community I felt in India was very much like the one I found at Sweet Briar—I always equate the two."

Based on her experience, Penny believes that SBC is the ideal setting for an environmental studies program. "Environmental studies," she says, "is a field that needs leaders and Sweet Briar builds leaders. The College is a place where you can talk about the need for sensitivity, judgement, teamwork, and moral support."

"The campus—the land—is a wonderful, natural laboratory. But I want to stress that it's the people, too, that make the difference. Exploring environmental issues and finding solutions requires a great deal of interaction. The quality of intense, personal interaction at the College is something that distinguishes a Sweet Briar education."

"I can't think of a better place to study environmental issues or a better discipline to show the world what Sweet Briar is all about."



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—Carole McIvor '71

# Turning the Tide on Mangrove Forests

Carole McIvor '71,  
Fisheries Research Biologist, USGS

Carole McIvor '71, a fisheries research biologist, is fascinated by mangrove forests. Her current position with the U. S. Geological Survey (USGS) allows her to research the combined impacts of rising sea levels and the restoration of the Everglades on fishes associated with mangroves. (Carole is one of the first biologists to be located at the Center for Coastal Geology in St. Petersburg, Florida; others are scheduled to follow.)

Mangroves are woody plants that thrive in salty, coastal areas—at the boundary between marine and terrestrial environments in subtropical and tropical areas worldwide. Mangrove or tidal forests provide rich habitats for juvenile fish, serve as nesting sites for birds, and provide protection to human habitations from hurricane-force winds and tidal surges.

One hundred years ago in the United States, mangrove forests were considered useless swamps. Many were harvested while others were impounded for mosquito control, or drained, dredged, and converted into ports, farms, or prime waterfront real estate for housing developments. Fortunately some of the most extensive and robust mangrove forests in the U.S. occur in areas presently protected within wildlife refuges or national parks in South Florida.

Damage to the nation's coastal wetlands (subtropical mangroves and temperate salt marshes) has been extensive. Mangroves and salt marshes unfortunately grow exactly where most people want to be located—in sheltered areas near the seashore. More than half of all Americans live within an hour's drive of a coastline: the ocean, the Gulf of Mexico, or the Great Lakes.

## An Uphill Battle: Professor Sprague Recalls SBC's Pioneering Efforts in Environmental Studies

Elizabeth F. Sprague, retired professor of biology and Dorys McConnell Duberg Professor of Ecology Emerita, describes the campus as "made to order" for training in the environmental sciences. She should know. In addition to teaching field biology, Professor Sprague was among a group of faculty that came together to teach environmental studies in the early 1970s.

Funding from the National Science Foundation provided support for professors from different dis-

ciplines—professors like Milan Hapala in government, Jane Belcher in biology, and Elizabeth Wentworth in philosophy—to expand the curriculum, purchase equipment, and encourage student research and outreach in environmental studies.

"It was an uphill battle," recalls Professor Sprague. "Some people argued that environmental studies would 'dilute' individual departments. I felt strongly from the beginning that environmental problems involved every discipline, including music, art, and writing—things that could help environmentally-minded people convey and sell their ideas. Convincing the public was going to be the hardest part. Back then, I can't tell you what a joy it was to find even one small environmentally-oriented article in a general newspaper or magazine."

Professor Sprague introduced generations of students to the subject, using the Sierra Club's landmark book, *This is the American Earth*, by Nancy Newhall, Ansel Adams, David Brower, and Beaumont Newhall as a core text. She also incorporated her own slides into her lectures.

"Whatever you can do to teach and influence people to change their behavior and conserve resources is worthwhile. The whole world is semi-cognizant of environmental issues these days. And that's a good start."





"Mangroves are my favorite ecosystem," says Carole. "It's a tough environment—lots of biting insects and mud. Water levels change every six hours. Since I work in that portion of the forest that is alternately flooded and drained by the tides, the vagaries of the tides can throw you a curve ball. But I love it. Mangroves do something for me at a core level."

Over the years, Carole has succeeded in adapting her research interests to a wide range of environments. In 1988, she was the research coordinator for the Marine Laboratory's (Woods Hole, Massachusetts) Long Term Ecological Research (LTER) Tundra Ecosystem site on the north slope of Alaska. She spent five years at the University of Florida (1988-93), researching and teaching through the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Cooperative Units Program. Within the same program, she headed off to Arizona (1993-98) to work as a desert fish ecologist, researching hydrologically-modified ecosystems of the Colorado River.

Carole's interest in ecology and tidal forests began at Sweet Briar. "I know all alumnae magazines want to hear this," she says. "But it is completely true. The College gave me incredible tools—everything I needed to begin pursuing my love."

"The biology department was really strong," continues Carole. "My senior year, Professor Elizabeth Sprague received a National Science Foundation grant to bring nationally-recognized guest speakers in ecology to our class almost *every week*. It was the capstone experience of my Sweet Briar education."

"One of the speakers, Dr. William E. Odum from the University of Virginia, an expert on mangrove forests in the Florida Everglades, eventually became my advisor and mentor. I did my dissertation on a tidal wetland system on the shores of the Chesapeake Bay. However, before I went to graduate school, Professor Sprague was instrumental in making sure I went abroad to study ecology in Australia through the Thomas J. Watson Foundation."

The Watson Fellowship granted Carole a postgraduate year of independent study and travel abroad. When her year was up, she remained in Australia as a lab instructor at the Queensland Institute of Technology and as a consultant for a firm that produced environmental impact statements. "Professor Sprague's prompting me to go abroad made all the difference," says Carole. "The entire four-year experience in Australia—1971-75—gave me a very important international view of environmental concerns."

Carole has studied fish in the tidal forests of Australia, Mexico, and Micronesia. But she is now ready to settle down and contribute to the long-term restoration of the mangroves that are part of the Florida Everglades.

"The variables I'm measuring ultimately will affect how the restoration is done," explains Carole. "The whole process of taking a management action, measuring its effects, and modifying the action if necessary is called adaptive management. Engineers make changes and I collect basic scientific data on how plants and animals are responding to those changes. I, along with a host of other researchers, help to answer the question: Are the engineers achieving the desired outcome when they fill in canals or remove levees, for example—or do they need to tweak the process?"

"It has taken me a long time to get here; I took some tangents. But I foresee no more moves. This is the ecosystem and set of environmental problems I see myself focusing on to the end of my career. This is my dream job."

# Chasing the Wind

Marine Chemist, Eden Rue '89, Spends Her 3rd Field Season Studying West Coast Waters

This summer Eden Rue '89, a chemist with the Institute for Marine Science at the University of California, Santa Cruz, will spend 40 days working around the clock on a research vessel with 34 other scientists, chasing the winds along the coastlines of North, Central, and South America.

The expedition, funded by the National Science Foundation and the Office of Naval Research, is studying the west coasts of continents, the dynamic interface between the land and sea, where winds drive the nutrient-rich upwellings that feed fisheries from California to Chili.

"We're looking for really rough water—lots of swell and big waves," says Eden. "The crew runs away when they see us coming. The chef is especially unhappy because he has to continue to prepare meals under those conditions."

Eden, a native of land-locked Minnesota, is used to dealing with the physical, intellectual, and interpersonal challenges of marine research. During her junior year at Sweet Briar, at the urging of biology professor Margaret Simpson, she applied for and received a competitive summer student fellowship at Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution.

"It was typical of the Sweet Briar faculty," recalls Eden. "When it comes to guidance and encouragement, the sky is the limit. They knew I had a strong enough foundation in chemistry, math, physics, and biology—which is something that is being stressed in the new Environmental Studies Program—to be able to look across disciplines and work effectively out in the environment as opposed to the lab."



Eden Rue – on deck and beyond





Mtesa Cottemond and members of Unity have a rousing conversation at the Bistro.

## Alumna-in-Residence, Mtesa Cottemond '94, Talks About Yale, Westinghouse, and Environmental Law

Mtesa Cottemond '94, a government and environmental studies major, returned to campus last spring to talk to students about her law school and career experiences.

An environmental attorney for Westinghouse, Mtesa works closely with the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control and the EPA in Atlanta on compliance issues at the Savannah River site. The 300-square-mile former nuclear weapons facility is owned by the Department of Energy (DOE) and operated by the Westinghouse Savannah River Company and other subcontractors.

"Our main focus is cleanup," says Mtesa. "Vitrification, locking hazardous waste in glass for storage and disposal, is a good example. It's a very durable technology, the materials don't leach out into the environment.

"The Savannah site is a huge group of facilities monitored by the state and independent labs. A lot of my focus is on clean water. It's a great way to learn environmental law because it's all I do."

At Yale Law School, Mtesa participated in policy clinics to gain practical experience. Through summer internships and for a year after graduation, she sampled a variety of possibilities before settling on environmental law.

"Yale gives you a foundation," says Mtesa. "You learn to think like a lawyer. It's up to you to find your niche.

"Academically, I was well prepared. The biggest shock was the culture: the larger classes, being in a city, and men—it was funny at first, going back into a coed situation."

During her three-day Alumna-in-Residence visit, Mtesa dined with Phi Alpha Delta and Tau Phi students interested in law school and careers. She participated in government and environmental studies classes and met one-on-one with students in Career Services. A group of Unity officers and members turned out for an informal gathering at the Bistro. Mtesa also touched base with students in the Young Democrats, Taps-n-Toes, and Paint-&-Patches.

"One student asked me about Sweet Briar's reputation. I told her that when I was at the EPA in Washington, D.C. during a January Term internship, people there thought well of the College. Organizations who know us love us. It's up to each of us to build the College's reputation in places where we're not well known.

"The most important thing is that Sweet Briar gives you the academic foundation, the leadership and internship experiences, and the personal recommendations you need in addition to your LSAT scores. You can get to where you want to go from here."

*"You can't keep your observations to yourself. That's one thing I'm glad I learned early on at Sweet Briar: To be a good scientist you have to be able to articulate your thoughts and ideas."*

—Eden Rue '89

"I had goose bumps the entire summer. It all came together and I knew where I wanted to put my energy. My senior year I searched for graduate programs that would allow me to apply chemistry to the oceans."

Eden pursued her Ph.D. in chemistry at the University of California, Santa Cruz, working in the areas of chemical oceanography, biogeochemical cycling of trace metals, aquatic chemistry, and instrumental analysis. She describes the experience as "spending a lot of time on big ships in the middle of nowhere."

According to Eden, practicing science these days requires being out in the field. "It used to be that you could take a measurement, go back to the lab, and, several years later, make sense of it," explains Eden. "These days the rule is more, better, faster.

"The instruments we deploy off the side of the ship beam data—temperature, salt content, oxygen levels—to us in real time. I'm on the ship with a team of biologists, chemists, physicists, and computer scientists who meet every day to make plans, present results and ideas, and try to figure out the 'big picture.'

"You can't keep your observations to yourself. That's one thing I'm glad I learned early on at Sweet Briar: To be a good scientist you have to be able to articulate your thoughts and ideas. And it's not just 'if A, then B.' It's important to think about the ramifications of your observations and put them in the context of complex human and planetary interests."

In order to research full-time, Eden resigned her tenure-track position at California State University in Monterey Bay. But she has not given up teaching. Eden minored in Spanish at SBC and is now using her language skills teaching elementary school teachers how to teach science in a program called LASERS, Language Acquisition in Science Education for Rural Schools.

"Because it's California, many of the teachers work in Spanish-speaking communities with few resources," says Eden. "When I returned to Santa Cruz, I volunteered to teach a section on water and got hooked. Seeing the light bulbs turn on over people's heads is such a great feeling.

"Teachers are afraid of science because they're afraid of not knowing the answers. I show them how to learn along with their students, using things like salt and sugar to perform experiments. It's actually something I used to do at Sweet Briar, teaching sixth graders how to have fun with chemistry."

Last November, Eden returned to campus to receive the Helen Gager Award for alumnae contributions in science. The event coincided with a prospective student weekend, and she was more than happy to speak with parents after her presentation.

"I chose Sweet Briar for the science faculty," says Eden. "I was on an intense science track, but I had the full attention of my professors. Through them, I learned the purpose of all those nerdy equations. It matters how you solve for X when it affects the health of a bird or a fish.

"Professors like Susan Piepho, John McClenon, and George Lenz helped me understand the purpose behind what I was learning, the applications of science toward the betterment of the planet.

"I had the desire to challenge myself, but it helped to be in an environment where everyone around me was saying, go, go, go!"





# Playing the Field

## Rush Harris '98 Jumps from One Research Project to Another Before Settling Down to Grad School

After graduation, biology major Rush Harris '98 spent nearly two years "working for food," while she increased her repertoire of field skills. "There are things you can't learn in class," says Rush. "Capturing and radio collaring a mountain lion is very different from trapping and collaring a four-pound guinea cat. Trial and error eats up research time; there's no way to completely avoid it. But hopefully someday, when I'm doing my Ph.D. project, I'll be a little bit better prepared."

During her Junior Year Abroad at Central Queensland University in Australia, Rush volunteered to assist professors and graduate students on one to two week-long projects. She radio tracked koalas; performed a vegetation analysis of a near-extinct species of wallaby habitat; and studied the fauna around a rehabilitated strip mine, while also indexing the small animals—snakes, lizards and frogs—returning to live at the site.

By the time she returned to SBC, Rush was ready to start her senior research project. She wanted to explore the significance of the fuzzy green algae that disperses through the dense, gelatinous salamander egg masses floating in the pond behind Guion. One theory holds that the algae symbiotically supplies oxygen to the salamanders trapped deep inside the golf-ball size sacs, helping them to develop correctly. Rush set out to test this theory. But, by the time she developed a reliable method of controlling oxygenation by floating covered and uncovered egg sacs in handmade baskets around the pond, the salamanders were hatching.

"I didn't get results," says Rush. "But I did figure out the process. Unfortunately, as a senior, there wasn't another field season left to try it out."

Unfazed by the tedium and frustration of fieldwork, Rush applied for a job radio tracking mountain lions in Utah. While

waiting to hear back about the position, she remained on campus to help Dr. Linda Fink measure and map campus trees, including the growth 15 feet on each side of the entrance, from the Wailes Center down to Route 29. She also worked with retired professor Buck Edwards, who introduced her to the art of bird banding and identifying birds by song.

"When you see what Dr. Fink and Dr. Edwards are doing with campus data, it's just amazing. Each little tree on acres and acres of reserve land has been identified, mapped, and measured. Dr. Edwards has been tracking the wood thrush population at SBC for at least 30 years. Dr. Fink and her students are accumulating data, documenting the ways beaver activity increases biodiversity on campus. There's so much to do, I could easily have stayed all summer. But Utah came through."

In Richfield, Utah, Rush lived in a national forest parking lot for two months, working with a Ph.D. candidate and another technician, monitoring the behavior and needs of mountain lions. In addition to treeing, tranquilizing, and radio collaring the cats, she learned how to pinpoint their location using radios and hand-held antennas. She also learned the low tech method of recognizing and following paw prints. It was her first real field experience, "with no money, eating beans out of a can," and she loved every minute of it.

After Utah, Rush spent a few weeks at a National Forest Service site near Aiken, South Carolina, "walking in squares with a compass," surveying areas of pine trees to be clear-cut for paper. Next, she headed off to a wildlife refuge in Valentine, Nebraska, where a professor needed help observing and counting sharp-tailed grouse and greater prairie chickens.

"In the spring," explains Rush, "male grouse congregate and

stake out small territories—a couple of square feet—and fight vigorously. The females arrive in a flock and watch the guys show off until a coyote comes along. I sat on a sand dune freezing from predawn until about ten o'clock for two months, looking through a spotting scope and taking notes. Like all my other jobs, it was worth it just to learn the methods and tools involved."

Rush's fieldwork experience culminated in a six-month project at a national park near Angol (600 miles south of Santiago) in the central mountains of Chile. There, she trapped and radio tracked Darwin fox, South American gray fox, and güiña cats through the winter for a doctoral candidate from the University of Massachusetts.

"I had never ridden a horse, split wood, or spoken Spanish with any fluency," says Rush. "I do now. After the first month, the graduate student had to return to the U. S. The other assistant had less experience than I. We survived—the two of us riding a single horse through dense forest over rugged terrain in two feet of snow tracking little foxes that were wearing teeny-tiny radio collars. When we had equipment problems, I got to practice my visual tracking skills, following fox and güiña prints for miles.

"The weather was a shock. The culture was a shock. And if I can do something similar for my Ph.D. project, I'll be happy. I know now that this is exactly what I want to do."

Rush is currently working in a law firm, studying for the GRE, and corresponding with graduate school programs.

"Sweet Briar left me well prepared," says Rush. "I was able to transition from fieldwork to a law firm with no problem. Though I have to admit that I live for weekends when I can ride my mountain bike out to the woods.

# Following Her Heart

**Julie Shields Hickman Thompson '85, Legislative Policy Director for the National Audubon Society**

After listening to a brief description of SBC's new Environmental Program, Julie Hickman Thompson '85 exclaimed, "This would have been the perfect program for me. Instead of spending 15 years, I could have been well on my way in four." It was a real compliment coming from an alumna who left a position as legislative liaison for the California Environmental Protection Agency to become the legislative policy director for the National Audubon Society in Mississippi.

Julie, an economics and international relations major, did not exactly plan her career—at least, not the one she has now. Instead, it revealed itself to her over time, with the first hint literally falling at her feet in the form of a summer job application for Yellowstone National Park.

During one of her visits to the Career Services library, Julie was looking through a book of summer job opportunities when out fell an application for Yellowstone National Park. She picked it up off the floor, filled it out, sent it in, and forgot about it.

"Lo and behold, in the spring I got a letter informing me that I had been hired. I had not made plans for the summer so I went. It was my first trip out west—a place where I gained a greater appreciation of the natural world.

"I hiked and backpacked with other employees during my time off and finally got up the courage to go fishing by myself. I

## The Garden Club of Virginia Elects Mina Walker Wood '62

This May, Mina Walker Wood '62 became president of The Garden Club of Virginia. The 3,300 member organization is highly regarded throughout the state for its restoration and preservation projects, including Monticello, Montpelier, Gunston Hall, the Adam Thoroughgood House, and the University of Virginia.

Mina, an American studies major, holds a certificate in design from the American Landscape School. Though she does operate her own residential and commercial business, her expertise in history and horticulture has kept her in demand as a consultant and volunteer at treasured historical sites like Lynchburg's Point of Honor.

The work Mina has done for Sweet Briar is representative of her talent, versatility, and tirelessness.

It was Mina who took on the east side of Sweet Briar House, turning a generous gift from the husband of the late Mary Law Taylor '43 into the Mary Law Taylor Boxwood Terrace Garden and the adjoining Daisy's Garden. The memorial gardens not only complement the existing landscape and architecture, they reflect the personalities and interests of their namesakes.

Across the campus, in back of the Guion science building, Mina worked with Linda Fink to select and install appropriate native plantings for the Guion Pond Woodland Gardens. The natural area serves as a combination outdoor retreat and research laboratory for students.

During the six years Mina served as a consultant, from 1989 to 1994, the College made a commitment to plant trees every year. After taking stock of storm damage and disease, Sweet Briar plants two or three trees in place of each one lost to ensure quality.

Always quick to shine the spotlight on others, Mina attributes her successful tenure to the College's landscape committee and development office. She also appreciates the hard work of the grounds crew.

"The grounds crew has a huge job," says Mina. "All the grass they have to cut, all the mulch they have to spread, all the beds they have to tend, all the pruning, plus meeting the criteria of special campus projects and understanding individual needs of academic departments—it is an awesome task.

"The College is in good hands. I am impressed every time I have the opportunity to return to campus."



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*"When you pick a major, choose something you really want to learn about. Follow your heart. Don't think about money, or what your parents want you to do, or what your friends will think. If you're doing what you really love, you're a success."*

—Julie Shields Hickman Thompson '85

became so engrossed in what I was doing that I failed to turn around and see the buffalo herd grazing their way toward me! You have to understand that although I was a debutante-type from Charlotte, my greatest childhood memories consisted of walking through the woods, finding beautiful green mosses and making terrariums. Those were quiet, satisfying, spiritual times for me."

As much as she thoroughly enjoyed it, Julie's Yellowstone experience proved to be an exception in the years that followed. Julie spent her Junior Year Abroad in Paris. Her senior year, she completed the business management certificate program and received the Phi Gamma Mu Economics Award. The next time she headed west, it was to interview for management training programs with banks.

"Career Services told me to interview, interview, interview. Even if it's for a dog food company, the experience will help. I had friends from Yellowstone living out west and thought it would be a good place to go and practice my interviewing skills. I lined up a few appointments and never expected to get hired. But that's exactly what happened. I was so relaxed about it, I got the job.

"I cannot honestly say that I wanted to go into a bank management training program. It just seemed like the acceptable thing to do, something that would help me transition into the working world."

Julie worked in finance for the next three years, starting with Security Pacific (now NationsBank). When they suddenly canceled their management program six months later, Julie jumped to Goldman, Sachs, & Company.

"I learned early on that nothing happens without a glitch or a hitch," says Julie. "When I was job-hunting my senior year, I met two entrepreneurs on a puddle-jumper from Lynchburg to Washington, D.C. They were based in California and told me if I was ever out that way again to look up their friend at Goldman Sachs. When Security Pacific fell through, I still had the business card with the information on it in my wallet. I made the call."

For two years, Julie worked as the special analyst on an investment team managing and tracking the 145 leading client portfolios. She took home 21K a year while her boss made six figures plus substantial bonuses. The major difference appeared to be an MBA and Julie resolved to get one.

"I was spending all my spare time studying for the GMAT. When a friend called and asked if I wanted to go to the movies, I said no. Until the exam was over, I wasn't budging. He asked

me—and this came as a real shock—he asked me if I loved what I was doing enough to spend two years in 'B' school. I had never stopped to question my plan. He really ruffled my feathers."

Julie's friend grilled her on her interests, trying to uncover not what Julie thought she *should* do, but what she *really wanted* to do with her life. Then, he talked her into entering an evening extension program in landscape architecture at UCLA. Julie loved it so much that she quit her job and enrolled full-time in a master's program at California State Polytechnic University in Pomona. There, she evolved from landscape architecture to environmental studies. Her thesis was titled "Hazardous Waste Landfills: An Evaluation of EPA Containment Policy."

Julie started as a graduate student intern with the California Environmental Protection Agency (Cal/EPA) and rose through the ranks. Her dedication—continuously looking for ways to restore, preserve, and protect the environment on a bigger and bigger scale—eventually took her to Sacramento as a Cal/EPA environmental planner and legislative liaison. She even set up trade missions and hosted foreign delegations to promote the international exporting of California's environmental technologies.



## Sweet Briar Co-Sponsors and Hosts The 500 Year Forest Foundation's First Conference

Ted Harris, husband of the Honorable Dale Hutter Harris '53, thought he had a good idea.

In 1997, he and several other interested directors from the Virginia Urban Forest Council decided to create a stewardship support organization called The 500 Year Forest Foundation.

This year, Ted and his colleagues were proved right when forest administrators, authors, and scientists from as far away as Great Britain agreed to spearhead the foundation's first public forum at Sweet Briar College.

As part of its goal to provide education and forest management assistance, The 500 Year Forest Foundation put together a comprehensive, three-day program for landowners, conservationists, and others concerned with long-term forest management.

Three colleges—Lynchburg, Randolph-Macon Woman's College, and Sweet Briar—stepped up to sponsor the "Managing to Create the Ancient Forest" conference complete with lectures, demonstrations, and field trips.

Thirty guest speakers including Mike Townsend, CEO of England's Woodland Trust, agreed to share their expertise and insights. Dr. William Martin, director of the Division of Natural Resources of Eastern Kentucky University gave the keynote address, "The Characteristics and Values of Old Growth Forests." Among the other presenters were ecologist Lee Frelich of the University of Minnesota, Dr. John O'Keefe of Harvard Forest, author Chris Bolgiano, and Commonwealth of Virginia's state silviculturist Stan Warner.

Addressing the role of GPS-GIS technology was Sweet Briar's own Dr. Linda Fink along with Dr. Dave Perault of Lynchburg College.

For Sweet Briar French major and arts management student, Aja Grosvenor '02, the conference served as a practicum in events planning.

"I was taking biology to fulfill my requirements," explains Aja. "One day in the lab, Dr. Fink asked me what I was interested in doing. I told her I was considering an arts management certificate to support my interest in events-planning and promotion. Two weeks later, she came back with the ancient forest conference opportunity. I was amazed. I'm not even a science student and Dr. Fink was looking out for me."

Julie met her future husband at church. He was a medical student from Mississippi doing research in California. They married in 1998 and moved to Jackson, Mississippi, where Julie began her current job as director of legislative policy for the National Audubon Society. By that time, she had all the experience and skills required to start a legislative policy office from scratch.

"I started with a paper clip," recalls Julie, who immediately got down to business, developing and organizing workshops to train Audubon chapter representatives in the legislative process.

"Next thing I know, I'm in Washington, D.C. lobbying for the Conservation Reinvestment Act (CARA). One week I'm off to California for our national convention, the following week I'm back here spearheading our statewide, chapter-initiated Audubon Advocacy Day in the state capitol. Then, it's back to D.C. to hear President Clinton speak at a conference on environmental issues in the Mississippi Delta and attend a reception at the White House. It's always like this. It's been a whirlwind.

"Mississippi is a beautiful, rural state with a unique opportunity to be developed sustainably to preserve its pristine resources. When the Scenic Streams Stewardship bill became law, I really went out of my way to commend the state legislature. Right now, I'm promoting legislation to implement the Great Mississippi Birding Trail."

Julie's advice to current students is this: "When you pick a major, choose something you really want to learn about. Follow your heart. Don't think about money, or what your parents want you to do, or what your friends will think. If you're doing what you really love, you're a success."

## Continuing with Confidence

Lynn Boyd '99 Selects the  
Professional Degree Program at  
Duke's Nicholas School of the Environment

By the time Lynn Boyd '99 completed her biology major, she knew she was well suited for fieldwork. After graduation, she looked around and applied to only one graduate program, the master of environmental management degree at Duke University's Nicholas School of the Environment.

"That's the great thing about the research opportunities you get at Sweet Briar," explains Lynn. "You develop a clear picture of what to expect if you continue your education. The secret is making your professors aware of your interests, so they can guide you toward the right type of academic and internship experiences.

"I know I want to be outside doing the work, collecting the data. Duke offers a professional degree that gets you ready for the work world, a management position in organizations like the Nature Conservancy or Fish & Wildlife."

Lynn spent a junior semester abroad in field school on Vancouver Island, British Columbia. There, working with a team of 12 other students, she developed a restoration plan for the First Nations Tribe and the town of Banfield to clear logging debris

from two declining salmon runs.

"The next summer," reports Lynn, "the townspeople received a grant to implement the plan. They're clearing the streams to bring the salmon back. It's exciting to play an active role in a project like that."

Lynn returned to campus with a desire to gain more field experience. Dr. Fink, associate professor of biology, helped her circulate her resume among researchers looking for summer assistants. The search led to two summers of research with the U. S. Geological Survey, working with prairie dogs and endangered black footed ferrets in Colorado and South Dakota.

"My first position was volunteer," explains Lynn. "We surveyed prairie dog towns, walking transects back and forth, looking for black footed ferret habitat. Ferrets are nocturnal predators and prairie dogs are very sound sleepers. The ferrets attack them in their sleep and take over their burrows.

"The second summer I worked as a paid crew leader, reintroducing ferrets to their historical habitats. We would track the animals through the night. When the kids began to disperse from their mothers' burrows, we would collar them and drive them 30 miles down the road to a new town—farther than they would have gone on their own."

In addition to her study abroad and work experience, Lynn describes her senior project requirement as "a big plus" in a broad mix of SBC benefits. "Being able to work independently and write a research paper is key," says Lynn. "After that, I was confident about continuing through graduate school."

Lynn's senior research, "Variations in Migration Biology of the Monarch Butterfly at Sweet Briar," entailed monitoring differences in the fat content of monarchs starting in September through mid-November at SBC. Her research relates to the ability of the butterflies to survive the winter in the mountain forests of Central Mexico.

"Being able to do research as an undergraduate is a great experience and I'm starting to miss it. I wasn't ready to jump into graduate school right away. I wanted to be sure I picked the right project or program. Now, I can't wait."





# The Riding Program

## Competing in the New Century

Commenting on recent improvements to the Riding Program, Director Paul Cronin observes that nothing stands still. "It was time to strengthen our program to stay in the lead," says Paul. "Sweet Briar before and during my time has been one of the pioneers in riding education. President Muhlenfeld's support of the program now is reinforcing that direction."

Paul came to Sweet Briar in 1963. At that time, about 20 students rode recreationally in modest facilities. Today, approximately 200 students participate in a comprehensive curriculum of 39 basic to advanced-level courses. All types of riders enroll, from seasoned competitors to absolute beginners.

The Harriet Howell Rogers Riding Center was dedicated 29 years ago in the fall of 1971. The facility was state-of-the-art then and Paul is determined to keep it that way.

The Robin S. Cramer Hall, one of the largest college indoor areas in the nation at 120' x 300', now features Perma-Flex™ footing. An outdoor lighting proposal—a surprisingly costly but worthwhile improvement—is on the table. Riders also are enjoying a new hunter trails course, fence lines with coops, and a complete inventory of hunter-jumper fences suitable for American Horse Show Association (AHSA) and United States Equestrian Team (USET) competitions.

The new inventory of jumps is allowing Sweet Briar to include an ASHA Adult Equitation class and a USET Show Jumping Talent Search class in on-campus horse shows. The annual schedule of SBC events is growing and includes indoor shows, a hunter trial, a hunter pace, five at-home "Fun Shows," and the Sweet Briar Horse Show.

At a time when Director Cronin could easily be resting on his laurels, he is instead busy implementing the improvements noted above, plus a series of programmatic initiatives aimed at ensuring the quality of the Riding Program in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. If some sound familiar, it's because the program has been experimenting with these ideas for a long time, certain they can work.

The instructional program now offers three areas of concentration: teaching, schooling, and management. These concentrations give competitors and non-competitors alike the opportunity to participate in the program at an advanced level. They're also perfect for students interested in pursuing careers in the equine industry. A letter from the director of riding certifies that a student has met the requirements of a specific concentration.

Concentrations are enhanced by on-campus internships in management, teaching, and schooling. Students may propose internships in areas related to their interests, such as preparing a horse for sale, exploring the use of audiovisual aids in riding, or researching the history of the Riding Program at Sweet Briar.

With the assistance of a new student equestrian careers intern, the Career Services Center at Sweet Briar is maintaining a database of businesses and organizations that sponsor internships. The Career Services staff follows up by working closely with students interested in developing a resume and researching internship possibilities.

Riders are benefiting as well from a collaborative Alumnae



Office and Career Services program that connects students with SBC alumnae who have gone into the equine industry, as well as those who have used their riding experiences to step into a variety of other professions. These graduates are returning to campus as Alumnae-in-Residence, to meet with students interested in exploring similar career paths. For example, Peggy McElveen '71 provided insights about her career as director of the McNairs Riding School in Raleigh, North Carolina. (She has since become director of Equestrian Programs at St. Andrews College, North Carolina.) Vivian Yamaguchi Cohn '77 shared her experiences as a corporate lawyer in Chicago, where she rides recreationally.

In addition to visiting alumnae, national equestrian experts such as Olympic Gold Medalists Joe Fargis, Melanie Smith, George Morris, Judy Richter, Patty Heucheroth, and Scott Evans are invited to campus to lead clinics and address the riding community. Visiting master teachers and guest lecturers enrich the curriculum and provide role models for aspiring young riders.

Currently in the works is a Riding Fellows Program tailored to the needs and objectives of new riding teachers. Fellowships will be available to both SBC and non-SBC graduates. Riding fellows will teach students at certain levels, receive mounted instruction, and participate in all of the lecture courses. Additional responsibilities may vary depending on a fellow's interests, experience, and skills.

"We have made and are making nice new changes," says Mimi Wroten '93, associate director and instructor in riding. "The facilities are fabulous and the land is becoming increasingly rare and valuable. Still, the thing I like best is that we are continuing the tradition of teaching the forward system of riding. The methods Paul has championed and refined are still the foundation of the program."

"We are experiencing an interesting reversal. Before, students came in with a background of riding on the land and we taught them how to ride in the ring. Now, more students arrive with show experience and we teach them to ride out. Our program covers both aspects. It's just interesting how suburban sprawl is gradually changing the ratio. For many students, going for a trail ride is something completely new. The first time they hack out, they realize what they've been missing."

In response to this "interesting reversal," the Riding Center is developing a strong recreational riding program to complement its respected competitive offerings. The

recreational program serves beginning and intermediate riders, as well as those who do not have the time or interest to pursue a riding team experience.

"Right now we have pre-position courses for students who have never touched a horse," explains Mimi. "They're taught practically one-on-one by student teaching assistants, so it's easy for them to ask basic questions or express their fears. It gives them a good start and many keep going, which is great. They're taking advantage of a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity."

## Team Building

The Riding Program Welcomes Associate Director Shelby French and Stable Manager Alissa Cowan

Shelby French, associate director of riding, arrived on campus in February. She came to Sweet Briar from St. Andrews College in Laurinburg, North Carolina where she served for 16 years as director of equestrian programs and adjunct professor of exercise science and sport.

She was introduced to the SBC Riding Program decades ago by her friend, Peggy McElveen '71. At the time, Shelby, who was maintaining a private farm of her own, attended a clinic Peggy was offering at the McNairs Riding School in Raleigh, North Carolina. Peggy encouraged Shelby to continue her studies through Sweet Briar's Summer Riding Clinics.

"It's a fun story," says Shelby. "Paul Cronin and Jill Randles

gave me the educational foundation in riding and theory that allowed me to develop the St. Andrews program. And now Peggy, who introduced me to SBC in the first place, is my replacement there."

"I have ridden all my life. But Sweet Briar is my riding alma mater and I have always felt a little like an alumna. The transition has been easy because it all ties together. In many ways I feel that I've come home."

As both an ANRC National Judge and No. 1 rated rider, Shelby imbues her students with a strong foundation in forward riding philosophy and techniques. She has coached collegiate riders to multiple individual and team championships at the National Finals of both the

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—Paul Cronin



Cowan, French, Cronin, Wroten



ANRC and the IHSA Collegiate Championships. She is also an American Horse Show Senior Judge, and coaches and trains in the hunters, jumpers, and equitation divisions on the "A" circuit throughout the southeast. Her students have qualified for the Marshall and Sterling and National Adult Jumper Finals, as well as in the hunter and equitation division for the fall indoor shows.

Many of the students Shelby has mentored are now active young professionals in the equine industry. "There are all kinds of options out there," she says. "I try to get students to think outside of the box, to merge their academic and co-curricular interests in creative ways. For example, there are over 350 equine publications. In addition to pharmaceuticals, nutraceuticals and supplements are a growth industry. You don't have to be in the barn to use your knowledge of horses and work with people who share your interests."

Right now, Shelby is teaching the whole gamut: two beginner classes, some intermediate classes and an advanced class. "It is the biggest treat," she says. "After years of teaching varsity-level students and doing so much administration, working with novices again is revitalizing. I also came from a place with only 17 acres, so I feel like I've dropped into Nirvana! "

Sweet Briar's new stable manager, Alissa Cowan, is a graduate of Virginia Tech where she was a Commonwealth Scholar in the Forestry and Wildlife Program.

A native of Ithaca, New York, Alissa has been riding since she was eight years old. Prior to her arrival at Sweet Briar in April 1999, she managed stables at Virginia Tech and Cazenovia College in Syracuse, New York.

Alissa is impressed with the improvements she has seen in the short time she has been here. She is also amazed by the sheer number of events the College hosts each year. "There is something going on every week," says Alissa. "And it's all so well organized. I've never been in a place that could handle so many competitive events and in-house activities."

This year Alissa had 25-30 student assistants helping at the stable, many of whom were enthusiastic freshmen. One first-year student intern analyzed the cost of keeping a horse at Sweet Briar, breaking down the tasks and supplies involved in stable management.

"The students are great," says Alissa. "I have never felt so at home. The staff here is like a second family and I think that is the main reason why things run as smoothly as they do. Everyone is so nice, helpful, and informed. We enjoy each other's company and get things done."

Alissa is in touch with former stable manager Keedie Grones Leonard '76. "Keedie is having a good time at home with her children in Raphine, Virginia, where her husband manages a dairy farm," says Alissa. "She was back at the Riding Center just recently to help with the ANRC championships, which is wonderful for me. Keedie is a vast source of information. I ask her a million questions every time I see her."

# Finding Her Path

## Diana Booth '00 Creates Maps For The Riding Center

Sweet Briar encourages students to engage in purposeful, "hands-on" experiences that enhance their formal learning. Practicums, research projects, internships, and campus jobs help students discover practical applications for their academic interests.

For most students, building a co-curricular portfolio is fairly straightforward. An art history major, for example, might work on campus in the Pannell Gallery, then intern at a museum in New York or Atlanta. However, for students like Diana Booth '00, experiential opportunities can be a challenge to find.

Diana majored in math and computer science with a biology minor. She loves the outdoors and chose Sweet Briar for the Riding Program. Finding a way to integrate all of these interests in a career seemed impossible until she took a course in geographical information systems (GIS) and global positioning systems (GPS).

Global positioning (GPS) devices communicate with a worldwide network of satellites to pinpoint the latitude, longitude, elevation, speed, and direction of just about any object on earth. Civilian uses range from commercial aviation, to public safety applications, to recreational use by weekend boaters and hikers. When used together with global information system (GIS) computer software, the satellite data produces both accurate maps and powerful geographic databases for analysis.

"Diana clicked right into all the possibilities offered by this technology," says Linda Fink, associate professor of biology. "I hired her this spring to take a portion of the data—the aerial maps and raw material I've accumulated on the campus—and add trails and features specifically for the Riding Center. The Riding Center is her client and she is creating a wonderful series of maps for it."

"All of the faculty are attempting to give students these types of meaningful opportunities. And it's so exciting when someone like Diana discovers not only something she loves doing, but something that's very much in demand out in the world."

Diana's maps are accurate and artful, incorporating all the markers riders need to get directions, find facilities, gauge their location, and determine the level of difficulty posed by individual trails.

Right now, the maps will be used at the Riding Center and in brochures for shows and clinics. Eventually, Diana would like to see the maps presented interactively on the Riding Center's website. Prospective students could then take a virtual tour of the facilities, pastures, jumps, and trails simply by clicking on the map.

Diana is sending out resumes, trying to find a position that will allow her to continue using GPS/GIS technology. "It's gotten to be such a big thing," says Diana. "Most jobs in the environmental sciences now require this experience. City planners are using it. EMS agencies use it to create their maps. There is a central, high-tech facility in my state, South Carolina, where government agencies and smaller businesses can go to run their data."

"I had been wondering how I would merge my math and computer science major with my biology minor—not to mention my interest in riding and the outdoors. My GPS/GIS experience really bridges the gap. It changes everything. I can't believe that I almost decided to skip the course fall semester!"

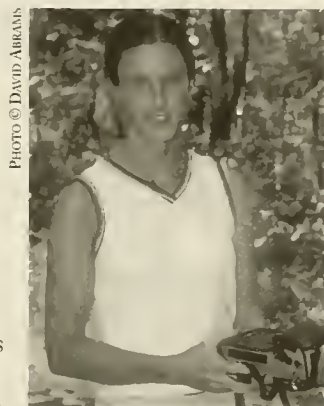


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Diana Booth '00

# Why They Ride

Sarah Machinist '01, Olga Abrazumova '02, and  
Cheyenne Sylvester '02

When speaking about the Riding Center, Paul Cronin likes to emphasize that the program has something for everyone. He says, "Those who have never ridden before, those who want to school their own horses, those who want to compete, those who don't want to compete, and those who just enjoy trails—all have a place in the Riding Program." And he's right. There is no typical SBC rider.

In the middle of her sophomore year, Sarah Machinist '01, an economics major from Pennsylvania, was elected to head the student-run Riding Council. Having that responsibility gave her the skills and the confidence to take on additional tasks. When the Riding Center decided to establish a permanent connection with Career Services, Sarah stepped right into the internship: writing a job description, polling students, gathering information on equine-related industries, and organizing a panel of veterinarians and technicians to speak at the Center.

"I saw the Career Services internship as a good opportunity to get skills outside of the barn," says Sarah. "I want a real career so that I can afford to continue riding after I graduate! I'm busy, but it's better. I organize my time more effectively when I have a lot to do."

Olga Abrazumova '02, an international affairs major from Russia, is discovering that recreational riding is improving her horsemanship and that working at the Center is providing a welcome escape from the classroom.

"The Riding Program builds confidence," says Olga. "The instructors are so professional and the horses are so well trained, even beginners quickly become competent riders. You don't have to be a star athlete to participate."

"I represent pre-hackers on the Advisory Committee. I also work at the Riding Center and was recently promoted to Captain, East Wing Tack. The opportunities and facilities are amazing. I stay very busy. But taking lessons, trail riding, and working around horses actually helps me relax. It helps me focus and face all my papers and exams."

Cheyenne Sylvester '02, an environmental studies major from California, describes being on the varsity team as a new and wonderful experience. "Riding is so often such an individual sport," explains Cheyenne. "Being part of a group of girls who all, no matter what their differences, share an overall passion for riding and horses has been exhilarating."

"Before SBC, I rode and competed heavily year-round in California, following the "A" Circuit and qualifying for and competing in a great many of the Medal Finals on the West Coast. I am happy to say, though, that the Riding Program has certainly helped me to improve. My previous riding experience was confined almost exclusively to level arenas. The opportunities I've had here to go out hacking and to ride in the field—competing in the Hunter Trials and Hunter Pace, as well as the field phase of the ANRC Finals—have been invaluable, both for my horse and me."

"The stable management is great; all the horses receive excellent care. I think maybe the highest praise I can give is that all the horses seem very, very happy."

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## Balancing Scholarship and Horsemanship

Cassie Thomas '97

Sweet Briar allowed Cassie Thomas '97 to meet her academic and athletic goals. She was able to complete preveterinary studies, while riding on the varsity team and competing in rated shows.

Cassie rode varsity at Sweet Briar her freshman, sophomore, and senior years. During junior year, she suspended competitive riding activities as a precaution while she began the independent research for her Honors thesis in biology; looking back, she believes she could have juggled both.

"As soon as I realized I could do it, I joined the varsity team again," says Cassie. "And that's the great thing about having the riding program—such great people and wonderful facilities—right here. You can be a serious student and still indulge your passion."

Now in her third year at Virginia-Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine at Virginia Tech, Cassie loves to tell this story when talking with prospective students interested in preveterinary studies at Sweet Briar:

"Admission to vet school is very competitive. There are only 27 in the U.S. and Canada. I had my sights set on Virginia Tech, which accepts only 90 students per year."

"In my interview, the board was very impressed that I had done my own research. They were curious to know how I got into it, which surprised me. I explained that every biology major at Sweet Briar had to do her own research. For that reason, it didn't strike



me as being anything exceptional, but obviously the board thought it was.

"Then they asked me if I was interested in veterinary research and I was honest about it. I said, 'No.' I learned that I didn't like research. Well, they thought that was great because I wouldn't waste any time discovering that later. They were happy to know I'd gone through the experience and knew what I wanted to do."

Cassie had competed a lot before she entered Sweet Briar. But the academic component of the Riding Program—understanding the theory behind what she was doing—improved her skills tremendously.

"The Riding Center has great facilities, but the *program* Sweet Briar offers is even more impressive. I still can't get over how broad the department is. Every student, beginners through very advanced, gets a great education.

"I enjoyed every minute of it, especially working as a teaching assistant. There's a camaraderie among riders at all levels. We tend to see a lot of each other around the barn."

## Changing Horses in Midstream

### Sarah Babcock '83 Leaves IBM to Pursue Graduate Work in Animal Behavior

In March 1996, a stray dog appeared at Sarah Babcock's door.

She was working at home—telecommuting—as part of IBM's new mobile workforce. Innovations like this had kept Sarah thoroughly engaged in her profession for 12 years. She was immersed in a culture of continuous learning, working as a systems engineer, database specialist, PC sales specialist, software specialist, and data warehousing specialist—a little of everything.

Being at home, conferencing in her slippers, was cool until "Crosby" showed up.

"The dog changed my life," says Sarah. "Two years later, in 1998, I quit my job and started pursuing my master's degree in psychology with a concentration in neuroscience at the University of Richmond. The plan is to follow up with a doctorate in applied animal behavior."

Sarah took Crosby to a dog training class, but was not happy with the method. She investigated "clicker training" on her own, the same form of operant conditioning used to train dolphins at Sea World, and was amazed with the results. In no time, Crosby had mastered 49 tricks, including sneezing on command and getting drinks from the refrigerator.

"Things like that never happened when I was using a choke chain," laughs Sarah. "A click means yes, that was good, here's a treat. Crosby loves it. He comes to me every night, begging to work on this stuff. It's powerful and I became fascinated."

Sarah was not exactly new to the field. A math and economics major at Sweet Briar, she had also taken psychology classes and actively participated in the Riding Program.

"The director of the Riding Program, Paul Cronin, is ahead of his time," says Sarah. "He applies a training methodology more



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Sarah Babcock '83

evenhandedly than anyone I have met before or since. He teaches forward riding, using the Vladimir Littauer method. And he has been true to the system. That's one big lesson I learned at Sweet Briar: systems applied correctly and consistently can be very effective."

Adjacent to clicker training, Sarah and Crosby began to compete in dog agility shows complete with jumps, chutes, seesaws, tunnels, tires, and weave poles. The hobby evolved into a teaching job. Sarah began training dozens of dogs and their owners at a doggie daycare facility in Richmond.

"You can study all you want about how animals should behave," says Sarah. "But the classes I teach offer real life, hands-on experience with dogs and with their owners. I really love it—so much that I decided to go back to school and change careers."

In her master's program at the University of Richmond, Sarah is working with Dr. Craig H. Kinsley, a neuroscientist with a special interest in hormones and their effect on brain mechanisms that guide learning and behavior.

Dr. Kinsley's research, conducted along with his students at Richmond and Dr. Kelly Lambert's team at Randolph-Macon College, recently appeared in the international science journal *Nature*, in a paper titled "Motherhood improves learning and memory: Neural activity in rats is enhanced by pregnancy and the demands of rearing offspring." The same findings, "Changes in pregnancy may boost brain power," were also presented at a Society of Neuroscience meeting in Los Angeles, where they sparked a media blitz, including a few wisecracks from "Tonight Show" host Jay Leno.

"I was too late to be listed as a co-author on the *Nature* paper," explains Sarah. "But I'm doing research along those lines. In studies we did last summer, pregnant and lactating rats were four times smarter and bolder navigating unfamiliar mazes than their virgin counterparts."

"It's a small program. You work closely with the faculty, which is part of the appeal to me—especially coming from Sweet Briar. It's never a matter of hoping to get involved with something cool at the school. If there is research to be done, you're doing it."

# Outward and Inward Journeys

## The Sweet Briar Outdoor Program (SWEBOP)

Sweet Briar blurs the distinction between formal classroom learning and student life. Many of the experiences students engage in outside the classroom complement their academic pursuits and broaden their understanding of the world in general. Because these “outside” experiences enhance and supplement the curriculum, they are called co-curricular experiences and grouped together under the heading of co-curricular life.

According to Laura Staman, director of outdoor programs, the Sweet Briar Outdoor Program (SWEBOP) is “one place where co-curricular really happens.” In addition to providing recreational outdoor activities and retreats, SWEBOP connects directly with the classroom.

“We took a ‘Nature Journals’ class up to the West Virginia border to search for Hellbender salamanders,” says Laura. “We didn’t find one, but what an adventure! A lot of good writing came out of it. We took a conservation biology class looking for bats and invertebrates into a cave. That time, we found what we were after. It was really neat.

“We have the outdoor experience and equipment to handle these types of trips. Our collaboration with the academic program really brings education to life.”

Sweet Briar has always been an outstanding setting for outdoor enthusiasts. The College’s Outing Cabin on Paul’s Mountain was built in the 1930s. By the late 1970s, the College had hired a part-time coordinator to oversee outdoor activities. Today, the Outdoor Program has expanded into a full-time, year-round, all-four-years affair.

The Learning on the Land Program, which features a wide variety of outdoor “mini” programs led by a student assistant and a faculty or staff member, is now part of Orientation for entering students. For some seniors, the outdoor experience continues beyond graduation. In May 1999, a group of students—including a few who had just graduated—jumped in a van and headed west. The SWEBOP-sponsored Western Rock and Road Trip included stops at the City of Rocks State Park in Idaho, Yellowstone and the Grand Teton National Parks in Wyoming, and the Badlands of South Dakota.

SWEBOP’s mission is multifaceted. The program provides on and off-campus outdoor recreational opportunities that foster personal growth, responsibility, leadership, and environmental sensitivity through experiential learning in small group settings.

“It’s not just hiking, rock climbing, rafting, or caving,” explains Laura. “Students who are interested can go beyond the basic, recreational component and become instructors. We use the outdoors as a wilderness laboratory to teach them the technical, safety, and team-building skills they need to lead and teach others.

“Just about everywhere we go, we include an environmental component. If we’re in a cave, for example, students learn about the ecology of the cave and how to enjoy the setting while having a minimal impact.

“Personal growth is woven into many of our adventures. Over

spring break this year, students went on an ‘Inward Journey’ canoe trip down the Suwannee River in Florida. The whole purpose was to give students the opportunity to reflect on their lives and share their experiences with the group. We offered a similar experience on campus, backpacking and camping by the lake fall semester.

“There is a social side to it, too—an alternative to road trips and fraternity parties. We join with other colleges and universities on some adventures, so our students can meet men in a healthy atmosphere.”

In 1996 approximately 100 students participated in SWEBOP activities. In 1999, 365 took part—not including the 180 entering students in the Learning on the Land program.

“SWEBOP is a place where students can make strong connections,” says Laura. “They can connect with each other, with the land, or with their course work. They can also take risks and discover their capabilities—an inner strength they didn’t know they had. If they can climb to the top of a cliff, there’s no telling what else they can do.”







# Making It Work

**Tatum Webb '00, Environmental Studies Major  
and SWEBOP Student Instructor,  
Chooses the Peace Corps**

The Sweet Briar Outdoor Program (SWEBOP) encourages students to test their limits and take risks that result in increased confidence and personal growth.

For Tatum Webb '00, participation in SWEBOP prompted a personal and academic transformation. Tatum entered Sweet Briar planning to major in psychology and minor in biology and environmental studies. By the end of her sophomore year, she was well on her way, including an internship at the Rimrock Foundation, a private, non-profit treatment center for addictions.

But Tatum's decision was really half-hearted. She had selected psychology in part because it was "safe."

"I originally selected psychology because I knew I could have a career," says Tatum. "I could picture plenty of practical ways to use my degree; there were lots of role models. Helping people was a priority for me. And, at the time, I didn't see how environmental studies could help me meet that goal.

"Everything I've done at Sweet Briar, academically and socially, has brought about a complete change. But SWEBOP had a big influence. When I came freshman year, I could barely look some-

one in the eye and say hello—I was that shy. By my junior year, I was leading students on outdoor trips and eventually became one of four paid assistants to the program director."

More than halfway through her college career, bolstered by her SWEBOP experience, Tatum did an about-face and self-designed a major in environmental studies with a concentration in biology. The model she used to select her courses has since evolved into Sweet Briar's new Environmental Program.

Tatum enjoys problem-solving and wanted to apply her skills in the environmental arena. Working with Sang Hwang, assistant director of environmental studies, and Laura Staman, director of outdoor programs, she embarked on a study and submitted a proposal to make the College's rustic outing cabin "user-friendly" in a sustainable way, without harming the environment.

"Right now," says Tatum, "anyone who uses the cabin has to transport water up to Paul's Mountain. The main part of my plan involves installing a cistern to harvest rainwater. It would not be potable, but people could wash and brush their teeth, do dishes, and clean the cabin more easily. It's an inexpensive solution, powered by a foot pump."

By graduation, Tatum had applied to the Peace Corps and was waiting to hear back. Though she has indicated preferences, she has no idea where she will be assigned.

"Wherever I end up, I can make it work," says Tatum. "It's all up to me. Laura Staman, Professor Hwang, and Professor Fink have taught me that lesson. I know I have the power."

# Peak Performance:

## Professional Climber Susan Detweiler '88 Summits the Highest Mountain in the Americas

For Susan Detweiler '88, the Sweet Briar Outdoor Program (SWEBOP) was just the beginning. Today, she is a year-round professional rock climbing and mountaineering guide and instructor with the American Alpine Institute (AAI), an internationally-acclaimed training and expedition center for climbing.

It has been almost ten years since Susan worked indoors. Before joining AAI, she rock climbed extensively in the western United States and taught and guided in the Rockies, Alaska, Nepal, and Bolivia. In addition to working as an independent guide, she has been a senior instructor and course director for Colorado Outward Bound School and an instructor for the National Outdoor Leadership School (NOLS). Still, after all her experience, Susan is quick to point out that her first paying job was teaching rock climbing as a student with SWEBOP.

Susan, a double major in biology and environmental studies, came to Sweet Briar primarily for the Riding Program and rode varsity cross country through the fall of junior year. She began rock climbing with SWEBOP for fun in her spare time and got the bug. Her sophomore summer, she enrolled in a 30-day mountaineering course with NOLS in the Washington State Cascades.

"Everything changed after I started climbing," says Susan. "I had been a rider most of my life. But I found myself connecting more with 'outdoorsy' people at Sweet Briar and at NOLS. Part of it was my major. I was academically motivated and the outdoor program dovetailed with my studies. Then too, Kathy Gilchrist, the director of SWEBOP at the time, and her husband were just great. Kathy was a wonderful role model: enthusiastic, competent, and confident."

At the time Susan attended SBC, the environmental studies program was limited and SWEBOP was still in its early stage. In the middle of her junior year, she went 'abroad' to the University of Colorado at Boulder to experience the progressive subculture and expand her course work.

"I was stunned," says Susan. "At Sweet Briar, there were extremely few students with an interest in the outdoors and the environment. I was one of two environmental studies majors. In Boulder, there were students like me everywhere. I discovered that I wasn't so weird after all. On the other hand, I was used to interacting with professors in small classes at SBC, so I resented sitting in large classes taking multiple-choice tests."

At Boulder, Susan started her SBC Honors research on mule deer. She completed her work at Sweet Briar and presented her thesis at the Virginia Academy of Sciences annual meeting in the spring of her senior year.

"My original plan was to take a year or two off before graduate school," says Susan. "I wasn't intending to be an outdoor educator or guide, but I was compelled to live in the mountains of Colorado. I worked as a co-manager at Bibler Tents, rock climbed a lot, and taught climbing courses. I looked into grad school again just last year. But it's clear that I still have too much energy. I have a passion for being outdoors and taking people up into the mountains."

By 1990, two years after graduation, Susan was immersed in

outdoor education. "I love teaching winter courses," explains Susan. "Avalanche awareness, cold weather physiology and nutrition, snow shelters—teaching people how not to die out there is a great complement to summer rock and mountain climbing."

By the time this issue of the *Alumnae Magazine* goes to press, Susan will be guiding an AAI mountaineering expedition in the St. Elias range in Alaska. In AAI's brochure, the climb is described as good preparation for more challenging alpine expeditions such as Aconcagua in Argentina.

At 22,835 feet, Aconcagua is the highest mountain in the Americas. Susan climbed it in February of this year on her own for fun.

"I wasn't planning to climb Aconcagua," explains Susan. "I had been climbing in northern Patagonia with friends when I found out that my next assignment guiding in Ecuador was canceled. Expecting to be away for quite a while, I wasn't ready to go home. After my friends left, I decided to climb Aconcagua—even though I hadn't brought my high-altitude gear with me to South America."

Susan showed up alone at the base of Aconcagua dressed in a skirt. She borrowed a stove and an old sleeping bag to combine with her own for additional warmth. She began to hike up, trusting that a tent and proper clothes would somehow appear. Sure enough, she was able to rent a tent, and met a fellow climber will-



Susan Detweiler '88 on summit of Mt. Baker (10,778') in Washington's Cascade Range, while guiding for the American Alpine Institute.



ing to lend the extra layers of clothing she needed to brave the wind, cross the ice, and keep going. The only thing she lacked was a parka that could truly take on sub-zero temperatures.

After 12 days, at 20,000 feet, Susan waved goodbye to Dave, a guide from Jackson, Wyoming who had managed to keep pace with her to that point. She headed up to the top of the mountain on her own.

"Starting from camp at 19,000 feet, I took 11 hours to summit, but less than 2 hours to come down," recalls Susan. "The only reason I continued was seeing the sun ahead of me. I knew I would be warm, it was just a matter of getting there. For several hours at a slow pace, walking backwards because of the wind along the traverse, I kept checking in with myself: Was my brain swelling with altitude? Was I in hypothermia denial?"

"When I finally hit the sun, my breathing rate dropped from six breaths per step to three. There was another party heading toward the top—a bunch of Argentine soldiers out for a spin with their commander. They were friendly and I had a good time at the summit yakking and taking pictures with them."

Susan is a traditional, technical climber. Compared with scaling the hard ice and volcanic rock on Liberty Ridge on Mt. Rainier, Aconcagua was a walk; the elevation and the cold were the challenges.

"I don't relate to hair-ball, death-defying stories," says Susan.

"Anyone who thinks they can conquer the back country is delirious. I work with the rocks and mountains, not against them."

"The industry is booming and women with strong technical skills are in demand. I know there are times when people think: 'A woman guide? I want a refund! I want a real guide!' But the reverse is also true. For reasons of psychology, learning styles, approaches, or whatever, some people request women guides. For example, I've been asked to teach telemark skiing for a small company called Babes in the Back Country."

Last summer in the City of Rocks, Idaho, Susan met up with SBC students participating in SWEBOP's Western Rock and Road Trip.

"It was great to finally meet Laura Staman and talk with current students," says Susan. "College can be a terrible time. And that's beneficial. At some point, we all have to wrestle with who we are and what we're about. I often guide people who are out in the wilderness confronting those questions at the age of 30 or 40."

"I stayed at Sweet Briar, I struggled, and I got a lot out of it. I'm really grateful. In many ways, I owe my sense of self to that experience."

Susan looks forward to hearing from former and future SBC friends at [susandet@yahoo.com](mailto:susandet@yahoo.com).

## SBC Recognized for Character Development Programs

Sweet Briar College has been recognized for leadership in the field of student character development in the new college guidebook *The Templeton Guide: Colleges that Encourage Character Development*.

The College was selected for its "Learning on the Land" program, which occurs during Orientation Week and features a variety of educational programs or "mini" courses that explore Sweet Briar's environment from the perspectives of different academic disciplines.

"We have two goals for the program," says Laura Staman, project coordinator and director of the Sweet Briar College Outdoor Program (SWEBOP). "First, we want the students to connect with their classmates; second, we want them to connect with the land. Sweet Briar's campus is an outstanding setting for experiential learning and outdoor recreation."

More than 300 four-year public and private colleges across

the country are included in *The Templeton Guide*. Programs were chosen through a highly selective process that considered clarity of vision and statement of purpose; institutional resources; involvement of institutional leaders; impact on students, faculty, campus, and community; integration into the core curriculum or academic study; longevity; external awards and recognition; and assessment.

"Sweet Briar's strong commitment to character development and the strengths of its program make it a model for colleges and universities nationwide," says Arthur J. Schwartz, director of Character Development Programs at the John Templeton Foundation.

The Class of 2004 will have 17 exciting Learning on the Land programs to choose from. Programs are led by upperclass students and faculty/staff members. Group challenge activities are woven into each program:

Wildlife at Sweet Briar—Linda Fink, associate professor of biology

Exploring Sweet Briar's Horticultural Treasures—Susan Piepho, professor of chemistry

Pastoral Sweet Briar—Lee Piepho, Sara Shallenberger Brown Professor of English

Nature Observation at the Lake—Joe Malloy, reference and branch librarian

Walking in the Footsteps of Our Founders—Louise Swiecki Zingaro, director of the Alumnae Association

The Seeing Eye—Pat Richeson, Chaplain's Office, artist/photographer

Back to the Future: A GPS Scavenger Hunt—Aaron Mahler, director of Network Services and Braz Brandt, microcomputer support specialist

Nature's Beads—Joe Pendleton, Physical Plant, painter/sculptor/jewelry designer

Patterns of Nature—Sang Hwang, assistant professor of environmental studies

Feast on Mother Nature's Best—Tim Pritchett, executive chef

Looking Through Thoreau's Window—Laura Symons, director of Academic Resource Center

Turning Nature's Beauty into Art—Ann Reed, coordinator of Career Services

Perspectives of Sweet Briar—Lynn King, director of Human Resources

The Sound of Flutes—Mark Magruder, associate professor of dance

Beginning Your Career Journey—Carolyn Brazill, Career Services office manager

Now You See It, Now You Don't—Michael Richards, Hattie Mae Samford Professor of History

Exploring the Many Facets of Water—Bonnie Kestner, associate professor of physical education

# APPLAUSE! APPLAUSE! FOR THE CLASS OF 2000

During the picture-perfect Sunday morning of May 7, 116 students from five countries and 30 states received degrees. Sweet Briar's 91st commencement was celebrated in the sunny Quad and across the internet: recently named the most wired women's campus by *Yahoo! Internet Life*, SBC embraced the "dot.com" world, broadcasting live pictures and sounds of Commencement 2000. Stage, screen, and TV star Diana Muldaur Dozier '60 addressed the graduates, welcoming them to an increasingly "dot.com" world where "the complexities are infinite and change is our new credo."



The Class of 2000 gathers Commencement Sunday



And the faculty looks on approvingly!



Diana Muldaur Dozier '60 addresses the graduates

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# COMMENCEMENT HONORS

## **The Emilie Watts McVea Scholar**

*The highest-ranking member of the Class of 2000.*

Susan Christine Bobb, Midlothian, VA

## **The Presidential Medalists**

*The Presidential Medal recognizes seniors who have a range of accomplishments comparable to those associated with candidates for Rhodes, Marshall, or Truman Scholarships. Awardees must have demonstrated exemplary intellectual achievement.*

Christine Pamela Bump, Napa, CA;

Alethea Maren Okonak, Pittsburgh, PA

## **The Penelope Lane Czarra Award**

*This award honors the senior who best combines scholastic achievement, student leadership, and effective contributions to the quality of life at the College.*

Amanda Marie Atkinson, York, PA;

Benedicte Martine Marie Valentin, Limoges, France

## **The Connie M. Guion Award**

*This is given to a senior for her excellence as a human being and as a member of the College.*

Emily Stevens Pegues, Warrenton, VA

## **The Walker Family Award**

*This award honors a senior with high scholastic standing who has a cheerful, positive disposition and shows warmth, generosity, and humility.*

Susan Christine Bobb, Midlothian, VA;

Elinor Fairchild Stebbins, Richmond, VA

## **The Judith Molinar Elkins Prize**

*The family of the late Professor Judith Elkins established a prize to recognize the outstanding achievements of a senior majoring in the mathematical, physical, or biological sciences, while actively participating in the College community and demonstrating the ideals and dedication to learning exemplified by the life of Professor Elkins.*

Erin McLennan Wright, Springfield, VA

## **The Lawrence G. Nelson Award for Excellence in English**

Kristin Ann Hamaker, Wheaton, IL;

Lindsay Ann Perkins, Salt Lake City, UT

## **The Shakespeare Prize**

Amanda Marie Atkinson, York, PA;

Alethea Maren Okonak, Pittsburgh, PA

## **The Leigh Woolverton Prize for Excellence in the Visual Arts**

Holly Ann Wilmeth, Guatemala City, Guatemala

## **The James Lewis Howe Award in Chemistry**

Germaine Nickole Gottsche, Ocean Springs, MS

## **The Pauline Roberts Otis Award in French**

Amanda Darcy Ankerman, West Hartford, CT

## **The Marcia Capron Award for Excellence in French**

Susan Christine Bobb, Midlothian, VA

## **The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International Outstanding Scholar Education Award**

Mary Melissa Fauber, Amherst, VA

## **The Kathryn Haw Prize in Art History**

Mary Ashley Hill, Ipswich, MA;

Emily Stevens Pegues, Warrenton, VA

## **L'Alliance Française de Lynchburg**

Sarah Moshenek Ponton, Schuyler, VA

## **The Alpha Lambda Delta Award**

Susan Christine Bobb, Midlothian, VA

## **The Jessica Steinbrenner Molloy Award in Theatre**

Rebecca Jane Stephenson, Fairmont, WV

## **The Anne Gary Pannell Taylor Award in History**

Ardyce Gregor Lee, Asheville, NC;

Emily Suzanne Taylor, Mount Airy, NC

## **The W. Edward Overly Award in Spanish**

Holly Ann Wilmeth, Guatemala City, Guatemala

## **The Maxine Garner Prize in Religion**

Christa Marie Shusko, Jeannetta, PA

## **The Jean Besselievre Boley Award**

Lindsay Ann Perkins, Salt Lake City, UT

## **The Helen K. Mull Graduate Fellowship in Psychology**

Andrea Cecil Fulgham, Richmond, VA

## **The Lucile Barrow Turner Award**

Nicole Jeannette Lamm, Amherst, VA

## **The American Institute of Chemists Award in Chemistry**

Amy Britton Hess, Winchester, VA

## **The American Institute of Chemists Award in Biochemistry**

Wendy Irene Bramlett, Ocean Springs, MS

## **Phi Beta Kappa 2000**

Anita LeShay Allen, Arrington, VA

Amanda Darcy Ankerman, West Hartford, CT

Susan Christine Bobb, Midlothian, VA

Christine Pamela Bump, Napa, CA

Kristy Lynn Chatham, Mouth of Wilson, VA

Mary Melissa Fauber, Amherst, VA

Kristin Ann Hamaker, Wheaton, IL

Kimberly Anne Harden, Bowie, MD

Amy Britton Hess, Winchester, VA

Alethea Maren Okonak, Pittsburgh, PA

Lindsay Ann Perkins, Salt Lake City, UT

Caroline Genevieve L. Stark, Austin, TX

Benedicte Martine Marie Valentin, Limoges, France

Holly Ann Wilmeth, Guatemala City, Guatemala

## **Summa Cum Laude**

Anita LeShay Allen, Arrington, VA

Susan Christine Bobb, Midlothian, VA

Christine Pamela Bump, Napa, CA

Mary Melissa Fauber, Amherst, VA

Kimberly Anne Harden, Bowie, MD

Nicole Jeannette Lamm, Amherst, VA

Lindsay Ann Perkins, Salt Lake City, UT

Sarah Moshenek Ponton, Schuyler, VA

Caroline Genevieve L. Stark, Austin, TX

Benedicte Martine Marie Valentin, Limoges, France

## **Magna Cum Laude**

Amanda Darcy Ankerman, West Hartford, CT

Amanda Marie Atkinson, York, PA

Melissa Jean Bellan, Hurst, TX

Wendy Irene Bramlett, Ocean Springs, MS

Kristy Lynn Chatham, Mouth of Wilson, VA

Alison Michelle Cooper, Dallas, TX

Allison LuAnn Davis, Winston-Salem, NC

Kristin Ann Hamaker, Wheaton, IL

Elizabeth Kiendl Hamshaw, Marlborough, NH

Amy Britton Hess, Winchester, VA

Mary Ashley Hill, Ipswich, MA

Elizabeth Anne Keating, Potomac, MD

Ardyce Gregor Lee, Asheville, NC

Emily Demarest McGregor, Wichita Falls, TX

Alethea Maren Okonak, Pittsburgh, PA

Jennifer Laine Perkins, Middleburg, VA

Amanda Lynn Rice, Louisville, KY

Rebecca Brown Rogers, Monroe, VA

Abby Bradford Schmidt, Yarmouth, ME



Assistant Professor of Psychology Tim Loboschewski (left) and Sara Shallenberger Brown Professor of English Lee Piepho received the 2000 Excellence in Teaching Award

Christina Dawn Shields, Madison Heights, VA  
 Christa Marie Shusko, Jeannetta, PA  
 Rebecca Jane Stephenson, Fairmont, WV  
 Holly Ann Wilmeth, Guatemala City,  
 Guatemala  
 Erin McLennan Wright, Springfield, VA

#### Cum Laude

Elizabeth Ann Bagg, Prairie Village, KS  
 Josie Erin Beets, St. Petersburg, FL  
 Crystal Luona Blankenship, Fincastle, VA  
 Lindsey Evelyn Brooker, Emerald Isle, NC  
 Heather Rebecca Anne Carson, Weymouth, MA  
 Jackie Ann Chatham, Mouth of Wilson, VA  
 Noelle Elyce Dwarzski, Tecumseh, MI  
 Kimberly Ann Earehart, Martinsburg, WV  
 Mary Evangeline Easterly, Knoxville, TN  
 Virginia Marie Gilbert, Baldwin, MD  
 Allison Lynn Johnson, Virginia Beach, VA  
 Tarrah Lyn Kehm, Littleton, CO  
 Marlena Koper, New Rochelle, NY

Sarah Ardess Lester, Lynchburg, VA  
 Dina Ruth Orbison, Anaheim, CA  
 Emily Stevens Pegues, Warrenton, VA  
 Carolyn Eastman Dryden Ponte, Virginia  
 Beach, VA  
 Elizabeth Lynn Rice, Woodbridge, VA  
 Janis B. Roskelley, Lynchburg, VA  
 Chhavi Sharma, Lobatse Botswana, South  
 Africa  
 Elinor Fairchild Stebbins, Richmond, VA  
 Kate McClure Straccia, Greensburg, PA  
 Emily Suzanne Taylor, Mount Airy, NC  
 Victoria Catherine Zak, Reston, VA

#### The Honors Program, Class of 2000

##### High Honors in Psychology

Susan Christine Bobb, Midlothian, VA

##### Honors Degree with High Honors in Government

Christine Pamela Bump, Napa, CA

##### Highest Honors in Sociology

Alethea Maren Okonak, Pittsburgh, PA

##### Honors Degree with Highest Honors in Interdisciplinary Studies

Lindsay Ann Perkins, Salt Lake City, UT

##### Honors Degree with Highest Honors in Religion

Christa Marie Shusko, Jeannetta, PA

##### Honors Degree with Highest Honors in Latin

Caroline Genevieve L. Stark, Austin, TX

## Class of 2000 Alumnae Relatives and Turning Point Students

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Lucy Brooks; sister Leah Brooks '01



Sisters Kristy Chatham (l), Jackie Chatham



Sarah Cunningham; sister Kathryn Cunningham '97;  
 dog Nigel



Elizabeth Davis; grandmother Janice Fitzgerald  
 Wellons '43



Kimberly Earehart; sister Amy Earehart '97



Anne Jackson Hauslein; grandmother Helen Anne  
 Littleton White '41



Emily Pegues; mother Kathy Garcia Pegues '71



Caroline Stark (sister Eugenia Stark '95, cousins  
 Susan Sellers Ewing '71 & Ellen Sellers McDowell '77  
 could not attend)



Turning Point Graduates, l-r: Elinor Stebbins;  
 Rebecca Rogers; Sarah Ponton; Janis Roskelley



# IN THE SPOTLIGHT

## Mary Cantey Dunn '68 Tells of Career in Show Business Publishing

After graduation (and a first job at NBC selling advertising, which she didn't like), Mary Dunn found her way, by chance, into a job as a picture researcher at *Time* magazine. From there, she forged a remarkably successful career as a photo editor in the fiercely-competitive world of show business publishing, working mostly for *People* and *Entertainment Weekly* magazines. Now retired from EW, Mary brought her experience and expertise back to SBC March 19-21 as an Alumna-in-Residence, participating in classes and talking to students about her career.

"She was a great resource and such an enthusiastic, dynamic person," commented Alissa Harris, a senior with a self-designed major in media studies. "She was very open to questions and really let students explore her field. She gave us tips on how to get started at the bottom, such as compiling a good resume and a portfolio of work, looking for internships or freelance jobs to get to know employers. And we enjoyed getting the inside scoop on stars!"

"It was inspiring to talk to such a charismatic, take-charge, sort of woman," said Amy Whitney '01, American Studies major. "I liked her reminiscences about her student days at Sweet Briar. It sounds as if she was quite a rebel, but that adventurous attitude stayed with her and turned out to be a great asset in her career."

"Mary gave students a realistic view of work in the fast-paced world of show business media," said Instructor Paige Critcher,



whose studio art class Mary visited. "Not surprisingly, one has to be assertive and opinionated to succeed." In this class, Mary used a slide presentation to critique photographs. "Point of view" was a phrase she used often. "In this business, one needs a fresh, new point of view—it's the way to distinguish oneself." Her own point of view she described as "cynical"—useful in conveying the image of *Entertainment Weekly* as "youthful and cocky, and knowing." Mary's favorite among her EW covers is one of Jack Nicholson, looking indeed very cocky and knowing.

"This is a young person's profession," Mary added. "With everything going to digital, technology is opening up whole new horizons."

Mary also took part in Professor Dean DeFino's English class, "Word and Image," gave a public lecture, and held lunch and dinner discussions with students. Students enjoyed hearing about the personal side of her career, the struggle to balance it with raising daughter Muffie, a Barnard graduate, now a television producer.

"So many kids want to get into the visual fields now," observed Mary. "I got an excellent liberal arts education here, but I'm glad that today Sweet Briar is doing what it needs to do and is more geared toward sending its graduates out into the world. The Honors Program is very impressive, and it's exciting to see that film studies is such a popular field."

"Being back makes me realize how much I support women's colleges. Students are so much freer to assert themselves and to form real friendships. In coeducation, the dynamic with the men overwhelming the women is just wrong for education."

Mary found it "very touching" to see SBC looking much the same as when she was a student. "Even with so many new additions, it is heartening that the core is so intact."

Now Mary looks forward to time with husband Toby, a New York advertising executive. Her plans include volunteering and traveling (keeping Sweet Briar's alumnae tours in mind). She is studying Italian; her pipe dream is to buy a house in Italy.

When Mary retired from EW in September 1999, the magazine's "Letter from the President" stated: "...EW is thriving, in no small part due to the award-winning photographic style that Dunn—with her brisk, can-do attitude—brought to its pages... 'When Mary arrived,' says EW managing editor Jim Seymore, 'we didn't have a clear pictorial philosophy. She turned things around in a hurry.' She began by bringing in such esteemed photographers as Mary Ellen Mark and Matthew Rolston. She also pushed for distinctive black-and-white covers, to set EW apart on newsstands."

'She has an incredible 'eye,' says Seymore. 'I could always trust her instincts.'"

The editorial concluded "...everyone that ever worked here—or ever will—is in her debt."

Sweet Briar too is in Mary's debt, for the reflected honor and glory she has brought her alma mater, and for her generosity in sharing her insight and advice with students.

## Doing God's Work Where Hope is Rare

By F. Lee

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How do you find God in a place of faded glory, far from home? The question haunts Amira Hernandez. Ms. Hernandez, who recently graduated from college, works in Bedford Park, the Bronx, near the part of the Grand Concourse that is no longer grand, with its drug-dealing side streets and ground-down life stories.

Ms. Hernandez, 23, came to New York last summer from Spartanburg, S.C., to volunteer with a nonprofit group called Part of the Solution, which provides poor people with food, housing, and legal services. Ms.



Hernandez's spiritual faith made her want to change the world, and her idealism has not faded. But her search for God in the Bronx has been far harder than she ever imagined.

"Something's out of sync when you've got so many women and children and men being abused and neglected in some way in a world that should be able to feed everyone," she said, explaining her mission. "I didn't want to participate in the injustice."

But justice can be a mighty big concept to wrestle down to human size and parcel out. Ms. Hernandez would organize meetings so people could deal with the bad things in their lives, like dilapidated housing, but often they would not show up. Sometimes it was because of a long wait at a clinic to treat a sick baby. Sometimes it was because of too many drinks the night before.

Ms. Hernandez, a thin woman with a curtain of bright red hair, also felt the heartbreak of seeing suffering up close, day in and day out. Homelessness. Unemployment. Addiction.

"You come in with these great, idealistic intentions," she said. "Grass roots all the way. Work from the bottom up. On a practical level, sometimes it's hard to get everybody to go to a meeting they're supposed to go to."

"It's a challenge to remain respectful and at the same time try to demonstrate the importance of follow-through," Ms. Hernandez said. "There are days that I am so frustrated, I'm not convinced this is the level on which I'm supposed to be working. The flight response is huge."

"I am angry not just about the disproportion of wealth but also the simplicity of what people ask for," she said. "Some days, all they want is someone to talk to."

Ms. Hernandez is part of an effort called the Jesuit Volunteer Corps, a Roman Catholic organization that sends recent college

graduates to volunteer in poor communities. They work in exchange for food, board and a small stipend. In New York City, the volunteers are in every borough, working at organizations like New York State Tenants and Neighbors Coalition and the Urban Justice Center. They are teachers, counselors and health workers, among other vocations.

Like other volunteers, Ms. Hernandez was recruited from college. She is a 1999 graduate from Sweet Briar College, which has a 3,600-acre campus in Sweet Briar, Va. She was not especially keen on coming to New York, she said, but was attracted to Part of the Solution because it offered so many services and seemed so engaged with the community. She was heartened when she found that many people in the neighborhood were eager to share their lives with her.

Many of the smells and sounds of the neighborhood were familiar, Ms. Hernandez said, from the trips she took to Colombia with her father, a college professor who is a native of that country. She speaks Spanish.

"I guess the greatest surprise has been how much of their lives they want to share with you," she said. "In detail many of us out of fear of embarrassment or judgment would not divulge to anyone. The honesty is beautiful and humbling. There's not a lot of surface you have to go through to get to the real person. That's the greatest gift."

Ms. Hernandez lives in a long, narrow house with five other volunteers. White and well-scrubbed, they do not exactly resemble their neighbors, who are mostly poor black and Latin people.

If nothing else, the volunteers seem well intentioned, and no one in the neighborhood bothers them. Sharing the same values for the most part, they support one another through those dark nights of the soul.

"A lot of my personal anguish



Alethea Okonak, President Muhlenfeld, Christine Bump

this year has been over women," Ms. Hernandez said. "The cycles of abuse they seem to be stuck in or the presence of drugs and alcohol in their lives."

"At the end of the day, someone will say let's go and have a beer, and I flip out. I can't hear it without seeing the face of someone here and seeing the loss of life and the loss of independence because of alcohol."

Ms. Hernandez's tour of duty ends early in August. She is not certain what she will do next. But even if her search for faith in the Bronx has been met with silence sometimes she has seen a God with a different face, the face of the people she has tried to help. They have endured in the absence of answers.

"They're homeless and they're housed," Ms. Hernandez said. "They're addicted and they're clean. They're men and they're women."

"I'm grateful to them. If it wasn't for them, I don't know if I would have survived."

## Christine Bump and Alethea Okonak: 2000 Presidential Medalists

President Muhlenfeld presented Christine Bump, Napa, CA, and Thea Okonak, Pittsburgh, PA with Sweet Briar College's 2000 Presidential Medal at the Academic Recognition Dinner March 23.

The Presidential Medal

honors seniors who have demonstrated exemplary intellectual achievement and distinction in some or all of the following areas: community service; contribution to the arts; enlargement of our global perspective; athletic achievement; leadership; and contributions to community discourse. Honorees receive a replica of the President's Medallion given to SBC presidents at their inaugurations.

Christine Bump, a government major with a minor in chemistry, received numerous scholarships and awards over four years, including the 1999 Truman Scholarship; she was a Betty Bean Black Scholar, Kenmore Scholar, and Honors Scholar. She was a member of the concert and chamber choirs, Sweet Tones, Circle K, Phi Alpha Delta, and the Dean's Advisory Council, and served as the government department's research assistant. She led the fencing team, coordinated Orientation, and completed an internship for the Clerk's Office of the Supreme Court of the United States.

Christine received an Honors Degree with Highest Honors in Government. A Phi Beta Kappa, summa cum laude graduate, this fall she begins a joint degree program to obtain both a law degree and a Master's of Public Health from Emory University.

Thea Okonak, a Williams Scholar, majored in sociology, with a double minor in anthropology and English. She was on the Dean's List, elected twice to





Mary Harris

Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges, and received the Rickards Award in 1997.

Vice president of Student Government, she also served as a resident advisor and co-coordinator of the Saturday Enrichment Program, worked as a peer tutor in the Academic Resource Center, and sat on the Dean's Advisory Committee. She was a research assistant in sociology and a student member of SBC's Board of Directors, serving on its Buildings and Grounds Committee and the College's Land Use Committee. A Phi Beta Kappa, magna cum laude graduate, she was awarded the Shakespeare Prize and received Highest Honors in Sociology. This summer she participated in the Virginia Program at Oxford. Thea intends to pursue a Ph.D. in anthropology.

## Dr. Mary Lawrence Harris '79 Wins Teaching Award at Johns Hopkins Medical School

Dr. Mary Lawrence Harris, Associate Professor in the Department of Gastroenterology at The Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, is the 1999-2000 recipient of the Professor's Award for Distinction in Teaching in the Clinical Divisions. The Dean of the Medical Faculty stated, "This Award is intended

to recognize those men and women whose investment in the teaching of students at both the pre and post-doctoral levels in the School of Medicine is of the highest order." The award was conferred at the School of Medicine's graduation on May 25, 2000.

Mary has been a member of the Johns Hopkins faculty since 1989. After earning her degree in biology from Sweet Briar, graduating magna cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa, she earned the M.D. from the University of Virginia Medical School in 1983, then completed a three-year residency in internal medicine at UVA, followed by a three-year post-doctoral fellowship in gastroenterology (the branch of medicine concerned with the stomach and intestines) at Johns Hopkins. A specialist in Crohn's disease, she has published articles in *Gastroenterology* and other professional journals, and has given numerous presentations and invited lectures and symposiums.

Sweet Briar could borrow the words of Dean Miller of the Johns Hopkins Medical School to describe Mary, because all of her contact with Sweet Briar has been "of the highest order." A campus leader, she was president of the student government, a Sweet Briar Scholar, an Alumna Daughter Scholar, a QV, and member of Tau Phi. At graduation she received the Penelope Czarra Award for scholastic achievement, leadership, and effective contribution to the

quality of student life. She was elected by her classmates to serve a two-year term on Sweet Briar's Board (known then as the Board of Overseers). In spite of her almost-impossible doctor's schedule, Mary has continued her involvement with the College, serving on her class' Reunion Gifts Committee (1989) and completing a second term on the College's Board of Directors (1995-97).

Demonstrating early the commitment to helping others that has contributed to her outstanding record at Johns Hopkins, in 1983 Mary, with her mother and fellow Sweet Briar graduate Elizabeth "Libby" Truchart Harris '49, established the Harris Pre-Med Scholarship Fund which benefits Sweet Briar students who plan to major in biology or biology/chemistry in preparation for medical school or other careers in the science or health fields.

Sweet Briar is enormously proud of Mary, and gratified that she has won such recognition from Johns Hopkins, one of the foremost teaching hospitals in the world. Congratulations, Mary!



Carolyn Davis and Christine Pendleton

## Seventy Years' Service to Sweet Briar!

At the Spring 2000 Recognition Luncheon honoring Sweet Briar staff members for length of service, Mrs. Carolyn Davis (40 years) and Mrs. Christine Pendleton (30 years) won acco-

lades for their longtime involvement with the College. Currently, as a "twosome," they graciously care for Sweet Briar House, Boxwood Alumnae House, the Museum, and the development/public relations offices. This June, another highlight of the year was celebrated as Carolyn's daughter, Yolanda Lynn Davis Saunders '96, was married in the Sweet Briar Chapel. Congratulations to all!

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Thank you, Sara! Rosam Quae Meruit Ferat.

## Board of Directors Chairman Retires

Sara Finnegan Lycett '61 received a standing ovation of thanks at the April 14 dinner honoring her and SBC's Class of 2000. The Resolution presented Sara that night by the Alumnae Association Board noted the completion of her 15-year "illustrious term of service": two years on the Alumnae Association Board, 13 years on the Board of Directors. The last five years as a director, she was chairman of the Board, the first woman and the first alumna to hold this position. The Resolution continued: "*For one of our own members to be the leader of our beloved alma mater is a source of great pride to the Alumnae Association; for the College to have enjoyed such remarkable success with her hand at the helm fills us with profound gratitude.*"

# UNDERSTANDING ISLAM:

## THE 2000 WINTER FORUMS

By Dr. Jeffrey E. Key  
Associate Professor of Government  
Sweet Briar College

Sweet Briar's first Winter Forums of the new millennium focused on one of the most dynamic global forces, Islam. My personal introduction to Islam came through studying Islamic political thought with John Alden Williams at the University of Texas. Living among Muslims while doing my doctoral research in Pakistan reinforced much of what Professor Williams taught me and made me more curious about its rich tradition and many points of intersection with Judeo-Christian beliefs. As a proponent of dialogue across boundaries, chairing the series was personally satisfying. It was also professionally rewarding in light of the quality of the speakers who came to share their insights.

Planning the series was a challenge. The celebration of the end of the Muslim month of Ramadan fell around the original opening date for the series, so we pushed the first lecture back one week. Moreover, there were many ways to approach Islam and a host of possible speakers to consider. For example, Leila Ahmed of the Harvard Divinity School and a recognized expert on women in Islam could not join us, nor was there room to include representatives of the Afghanistan Foundation. One thing did remain constant throughout the committee's discussions: Sweet Briar *had* to bring in the best known authority on contemporary Islam and

politics, John Esposito, from Georgetown University. "We must get Esposito!" was a frequent refrain. The effort to secure his place on the program was reminiscent of the hunt for Osama Bin Laden. The other speakers in the series were also logical choices. Professor Christina Michelmore's work on images of Islam in the media would offer food for critical reflection on how we view Islam and Muslims. Finally, the committee felt that a Muslim could best explain the core beliefs of Islam. As the U.S. Navy's first Muslim chaplain, Lt. Malak Ibn Noel, Jr. would bring a unique personal insight to this task.

John L. Esposito is to Islamic studies what Michael Jordan is to basketball. There is no better known nor more respected scholar in the field. He has authored, co-authored, or edited two dozen books and published scores of scholarly articles on various aspects of Islam and politics. In opening the 2000 Winter Forums, Esposito spoke passionately about the need for the West to understand Islam, its ties to Christianity and Judaism, and the dynamic role it will play in world affairs in the new millennium.

The need to understand Islam is self-evident. It is the world's second largest religion, and the fastest growing in the United States. Nevertheless, Muslims' beliefs are poorly understood, and misinformed opinion takes



Professor Jeffrey Key, John Esposito, President Muhlenfeld

the place of reasoned insight in discussions of Islam and international affairs. The Islamic world is viewed as a monolith, when in fact there is considerable diversity in the way Muslims live and practice their faith. While Islam is associated with the Middle East, more Muslims live outside the region in the countries of South and Southeast Asia. Even in the U.S., the face of Islam is no longer that of an immigrant or African-American Muslim but is increasingly likely to be that of a white, midwestern woman who has left one of the established Christian denominations. This trend should not be surprising in light of Islam's ties to Christianity.

While many in the West make frequent reference to the Judeo-Christian tradition, few realize that Islam shares the same monotheistic roots. Muslims venerate the same line of Prophets. According to Esposito, this common foundation should more accurately be labeled the "Judeo-Christian-Muslim" tradition. The West's unwillingness to acknowledge these links to Islam dates back to the Crusades and the expansion of Islamic empires which threatened European Christendom. This hostility carries over to the present. As a consequence of events in the Middle East, Muslims are treated with suspicion in

America. Arabs visiting the United States and Arab-Americans come under great scrutiny when traveling. Even non-Arabs returning to the U.S. from the Middle East often receive less than a warm welcome. Esposito recalled once being questioned vigorously upon reentering the country from a research trip to the region. He was asked by an immigration official who, noting his numerous visits to the Middle East over the years, asked pointedly, "Do you have any friends there?"

After Professor Esposito explained the origins of many anti-Islam attitudes, Chatham College's Christina Michelmore explored the enduring quality of these prejudices in her lecture, "Old Pictures in New Frames."

The editorial cartoons accompanying Professor Michelmore's lecture illustrated how such unflattering stereotypes of Arabs and Muslims as fanatics and terrorists have been perpetuated. Cartoonists have great freedom to depict their subjects in the most unflattering terms. Indeed, as she noted, the power of editorial cartoons lies in their lack of subtlety. No editorialist could get away with referring to Arabs as "camel jockeys" or "rag heads," yet cartoonists regularly draw them with these epithets clearly in mind.

Islam remained in the back-





Professor Mike Richards with Christina Michelmore



Acting Chaplain Melissa Henning '99; U.S. Navy Lt. Malak Ibn Noel, Jr.; Professor Jeffrey Key

ground for much of the 20th century as cartoons focused instead on concerns about oil or the Arab-Israeli conflict in the Middle East. Several trends are evident in cartoon coverage of the region. The OPEC oil embargo of 1973 changed both the tone and content of cartoons. In earlier decades, an Arab might appear as an Egyptian pharaoh or a gentleman wearing a fez. After the embargo, Arabs were drawn as robed sheiks with enlarged, hawkish noses, often commanding scantily-clad dancing girls or a veiled harem, and greedily lording over oil reserves. Notably, this anti-Arab bias in cartoons diminished in the 1980s. Earlier, the biblical imagery of David and Goliath had been employed to evoke sympathy for Israel in its conflict

with neighboring Arab states. This relationship was reversed following Israel's invasion of Lebanon in 1982 and its harsh response to the Palestinian Intifada in the late 1980s. For editorial cartoonists, Israel became the cruel Goliath and Palestinian Arabs the collective David.

Islam per se was never a theme in cartoons until the Iranian Revolution and the rise to power of the Ayatollah Khomeini. Khomeini's instantly recognizable visage, further exaggerated, became the face of Islam in editorial cartoons. The Islamic world was depicted as being populated entirely by bearded clerics. Other symbols associated with Islam, such as mosques and minarets, provided a familiar backdrop. Disparate events

around the world were instantly given an Islamic label. For example, Pakistan's nuclear test in May 1998 was drawn as the explosion of an "Islamic bomb."

After Professor Michelmore shed light on the ugly face of anti-Muslim bigotry evident in American political cartoons, Chaplain Malak Ibn Noel, Jr. offered what was for many in the audience their first encounter with a Muslim.

Originally scheduled to open the series, Chaplain Noel closed the 2000 Winter Forums with a glimpse into what it means to be a Muslim in America. With abundant wit, "Chaps" as he prefers to be called, laid out the basic tenets of Islam and shared some personal insights from his own life in one of the most interactive sessions in recent Winter Forums history. Islam means "willful submission to Allah." A Muslim is "one who submits." Five obligatory duties, or "pillars," are central to the life of all Muslims. These are: the confession of faith, daily prayer, alms giving, fasting during Ramadan, and visiting Mecca at least once. Sunni Muslims are those who follow the tradition (*Sunnah*) of the Prophet Mohammad. They constitute the overwhelming majority of the world's Muslims. The Shi'i (partisan) minority found principally in Iran stand apart from this Sunni majority for political reasons dating back to the succession of the Prophet Mohammad. Shiites feel that Mohammad's successor should have been his son-in-law and cousin, Ali, so that leadership of the Muslim community (the *Umma*) would remain within Mohammad's line. Beyond this political difference and related theological issues having to do with the qualities of leaders, both Sunnis and Shiites subscribe to the five pillars.

Chaplain Noel answered audience questions that went to the heart of some of the most inflammatory issues associated with contemporary Islam. The

treatment of Christians in southern Sudan by the Islamist government in that country was raised. The conflict has been portrayed as a religious clash when in fact it is much more complex and is rooted in regional differences within the country. The relationship between the Nation of Islam and mainstream Islam is much simpler. The Nation of Islam is an African-American nationalist organization founded in Detroit in the early 1930s, which attracted a following due to oppressive social and economic conditions in northern cities. The group was so named by the media or the U.S. government, but that label stuck and is now accepted by its members. Though they represent themselves as Muslims, explained Chaplain Noel, "It is not in any way associated with orthodox Islam." They are an organization that sprang from an environment of hate. They are anti-Semitic and have only recently allowed women to play a larger role in their activities. All African-American Muslims are not members of the Nation of Islam.

Sweet Briar's focus on Islam for the 2000 Winter Forums was timely. Understanding and dialogue across religious boundaries will be essential to promoting civil society at the national and international levels. This series was an important step for the Sweet Briar community.

# 1999 OUTSTANDING ALUMNA AWARD TO ALLISON STEMMONS SIMON '63

*Introduction of Honoree at  
Reunion Convocation, May 13,  
2000 by Kathy Garcia Pegues '71,  
president of the Alumnae  
Association*

One of the greatest privileges I have as president of the Sweet Briar Alumnae Association is presenting the Outstanding Alumna Award, which is conferred annually on an alumna who has been out of college at least 15 years and has given outstanding volunteer service to Sweet Briar. This year's winner is the Class of 1963's Allison "Allie" Stemmons Simon, who has a truly inspiring record of service to Sweet Briar. We're delighted that she is here today to accept the award; I'd also like to give a special welcome to Allie's classmates who have come to celebrate her award even though it is not their reunion year: Lucy Otis Anderson, Nancy Dixon Brown, Betty Stanly Cates, Lisa Wood Hancock, Margaret Millender Holmes, Stevie Fontaine Keown, Keitt Matheson Wood, and Lee Kucewicz Parham.

For many of you, Allie needs no introduction because she has been a familiar face on campus, especially during the 13 years that she served on Sweet Briar's Board of Directors, for a number of those years as the Board's vice chairman. On the Board, she was chair of the Future Directions and Steering committees, and a member of the Marketing, Executive, Nominating, and Campaign Leader-

ship committees. She has had a lasting influence on the College and her conscientious service has contributed enormously to the quality of life at Sweet Briar.

A look at the extremely busy life Allie leads in her hometown of Dallas makes me appreciate even more the time that she has devoted to Sweet Briar. She is the mainstay of her family, a devoted wife to husband Heinz, and daughter of John Stemmons. She also runs a very successful business as a travel consultant. Allie greatly enlivens the Sweet Briar presence in Dallas, always saying "yes" when called upon to host a Sweet Briar event, and offering gracious hospitality to visitors from the College.

Allie has also served on the board of the Episcopal School in Dallas. She actually makes time too for some hobbies—skiing, cats and dogs, and of course music, which was her main interest as a student at Sweet Briar and in which she did graduate work at Southern Methodist University School of Music. At Sweet Briar, she majored in Latin, with a music minor. She was head of choir and presented a recital in her senior year. She served admissions as a student guide and was vice president of the YWCA.

The Board of the Alumnae Association has prepared a resolution for Allie, expressing its appreciation. Warm congratulations, Allie, from your Sweet Briar family.

## RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of the Sweet Briar College Alumnae Association, assembled on April 16, 2000, acknowledges with gratitude the extraordinary depth of commitment that Allison "Allie" Stemmons Simon, Class of 1963, has shown to Sweet Briar College. She has supported her alma mater since she graduated, but for thirteen years, from 1981-1994, she was directly involved at the highest levels with the College's fortunes, as a member of Sweet Briar's Board of Directors. She served as Vice Chairman of the Board, was Chairman of the 1986 Future Directions and Planning Steering committees, and a valued member of numerous other key committees. Today, Allie remains closely involved as a member of the Sweet Briar College Centennial Commission.

Allie has also made major contributions to the fund-raising efforts of the College, through both her own generosity and the inspiring of others. In 1988, working with the Reunion Gifts Co-chairman, she set a new record for a 25th Reunion class gift. In 1993, she was instrumental in establishing the 1963 50th Reunion fund in preparation for their Reunion in 2013, and in 1998, she was Reunion Gifts Co-chair. The Honors Program and the G. Noble Gilpin Faculty Development Fund have also greatly benefited from Allie's generosity. She has served her class as class president and class secretary. In Dallas, Allie was president of the Dallas Sweet Briar Alumnae Club and Dallas Bulb Chairman. She has been a most gracious host for many Sweet Briar events and for visiting personnel from the College. Everything Allie does is characterized by her marvelous energy and bonhomie, and enhanced by her inimitable Texas style.

The Alumnae Association wishes to express its deepest appreciation to Allie, our 1999 Outstanding Alumna, for her innumerable contributions to her alma mater and for her stewardship of its future. They do so by way of this Resolution to be recorded in the official Minutes and to be transmitted to her.

*Kathleen "Kathy" Garcia Pegues '71  
President, Sweet Briar College  
Alumnae Association*

*Louise Swiecki Zingaro '80  
Director, Sweet Briar College  
Alumnae Association*



# ALLIE STEMMONS SIMON '63 ACCEPTS THE 1999 OUTSTANDING ALUMNA AWARD

Thank you, Kathy, President Muhlenfeld—Betsy—Louise, and those on the selection committee, a number of whom should have known better. *A special thanks, also, to eight of my classmates from the illustrious Class of '63 who've come from New York, Florida and many points in between to celebrate with me today. What wonderful, very special, lifelong Sweet Briar friendships! We're having every bit as much fun at our mini-reunion as you are at your official one, and frankly you'd be much more entertained this morning if I chunked this speech and tried to relate some of the jokes and stories which were flying around last night! But short term memory being somewhat suspect these days, I'd better not stray far from my written text.*

It goes without saying that to be honored in this way by Sweet Briar was not only unexpected but also a little overwhelming, particularly when I looked at the list of former "outstanding alumnae." A surprising number I've known, many are friends I've served with on the Board of Directors, and all are far more outstanding than I could ever be. Two in particular I must single out because they are not only special to Sweet Briar but also to me personally—Dale Hutter Harris, my mentor on the Board, and the late Ouija Adams Bush who will forever mean Sweet Briar to all of us in Dallas. To be honored in their company is truly humbling.

I received the news of this award almost a year ago and along with it the invitation to "say a few words." The tradition of undergraduate procrastination still runs strong and although periodically I toyed with various thoughts and themes, I finally found myself

last Sunday night sitting in front of a blank word processor and thinking, "What can I possibly say to this assembly?" You're all dedicated Sweet Briar alumnae and supporters, taking a special weekend to celebrate reunions and reconnect with friends and classmates, and my

remains so remarkable to us all.

As I look out over this gathering I see heads grayer than my own, although not by much, and young women who graduated only five years ago. I'm sure each of you, without exception, feels that your four particular years at Sweet Briar

has not remained the same—it has consistently been, in the words of the slogan adopted for our upcoming centennial, "ahead of its time" and has evolved and adapted to best serve the needs of each college generation. The curriculum offered to the earliest Sweet Briar students is no longer appropriate, just as the educational experience which launched me and my classmates into the later 1960s would be totally inadequate for today's students who face a frantic-paced "dot.com" world. But the mission of the College remains essentially the same—in the words of Indiana Fletcher Williams, "an education to prepare young women to be useful members of society." Miss Indie was a wise woman. She did not specify the kind of education or even the kind of society, and that is fortunate because both have changed. And for a hundred years the Board of Directors which she established has been able to assure that a Sweet Briar education provides each student with that which is necessary to live and excel in her current world. Miss Indie might be a little flabbergasted at some of the changes but I think she'd be pleased—and if Daisy lived today she'd probably still be playing the harp but getting her lessons off the internet!

French is not my language; however, there's a famous quote which in translation reads "the more things change, the more they remain the same." Change is healthy and necessary and things change constantly at Sweet Briar. Every time I return I'm more and more aware of that. Students change, administrations change, the Board changes, the campus changes. But one thing which



Allie Simon

standing up here and telling you that Sweet Briar is wonderful would be a classic case of "preaching to the choir." Nor is this the proper time to ascend the soapbox and ring the changes for single sex education for women which I'm sure we all agree is a critical educational option and one which is mercifully alive and well at Sweet Briar College. What I'd like to focus on, instead, is a couple of the reasons Sweet Briar

were the finest in the history of the College. Of course the truth is it was the years between 1959 and 1963 which were absolutely the best and there's a little enclave of my supporters sitting down here who will back me up on that! However, while we all love the same Sweet Briar College with its gorgeous campus and timeless traditions, each of us has had a very different college experience here. Sweet Briar

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Sweet Briar House luncheon in celebration of our Outstanding Alumna! Read 1-r. Front row: Allie; Stevie Fontaine Keown; Nancy Dixon Brown; Lucy Otis Anderson

2nd row: Betty Stanly Cates; Lee Kucewicz Parham

3rd row: Keitt Matheson Wood; Adelaide Hapala; Lisa Wood Hancock

4th row: President Muhlenfeld; Margaret Millender Holmes

remains remarkably the same is our faculty, one of the greatest assets of Sweet Briar College. The names and faces are inevitably different, but that entity which is "the faculty" is a strong, unbroken thread providing institutional continuity through the 100 years of Sweet Briar's existence. The members of our faculty are academically distinguished, but more than that—they are outstanding and caring human beings who come to Sweet Briar not only to teach, study, and research but to make their homes here, raise their families here and, in addition to serving the College also make remarkable contributions to the local community. Moreover, Sweet Briar professors go the extra mile for their students—they nurture and encourage us, adopt us, feed us, prod us when we slack off, exalt with us when we succeed, become our friends and are there for us all our lives long, and this is by no means the norm in colleges and universities. From the earliest colleagues of Miss Benedict, to Milan Hapala and Noble Gilpin who were special to me, to the outstanding young

scholars who teach here today, these dedicated educators are the lifeblood of Sweet Briar College.

I first saw Sweet Briar when I was an eighth grader and my parents brought me on a spring break trip to Virginia to look at colleges. I was far too young to make any kind of decision but they were out to sow some seeds—Mother grew up in Bedford, just on the other side of Lynchburg, and Daddy attended Washington and Lee, so there was strong family sentiment for me to consider a Virginia school. We turned into the driveway and by the time we got to the quadrangle—which in those days was without the chapel—I was hooked! If Sweet Briar had specialized in animal husbandry or the proverbial "underwater basket weaving," that would not have mattered—this was where I was going to college and I never changed my mind. Fortunately, I chose exactly the right school for all the wrong reasons, and the liberal arts education I received at Sweet Briar was precisely what I needed, whether I knew it or not—

which I didn't. I spent four glorious, happy years here, studied a little, learned a little, grew up a lot and emerged with some fantastic lifelong friends, an A.B. degree in Latin, and not the slightest idea of what I intended to do from that point on! Ah, the beauty of liberal arts—eventually the learning catches up with the learner! Despite, or perhaps because of, an abominable lack of career planning, I obtained my first "real job"—as a switchboard operator—literally, one of those wonderful boards with 300 cords that you get to plug into 300 holes! But that led to other opportunities in small business administration and I progressed from flunky to supervisor to manager, and ultimately to owning and operating my own company. The skills I learned at Sweet Briar—the abilities to think and write clearly, to research, organize, synthesize and make decisions—have carried me through each stage of my business career and also through those all-important "volunteer vocations" of wife, mother, and now parent of my parent.

It was also my great privilege to come back to Sweet Briar for a "second tour of duty," first as a member of the Board of Overseers and subsequently the Board of Directors. I'm certain I learned more here the second time around, although in all fairness that time I had thirteen years to work at it! It was, excepting only my marriage, the most exciting, challenging, and rewarding experience of my life. It seems strange and certainly unnecessary to be honored for working for an institution I love and a cause I so strongly believe in, but you have seen fit to do so and I am grateful beyond all measure. Thank you.

## Recipients of the Outstanding Alumna Award

- 1968 SBC's first graduates,  
Class of 1910:  
Anne Cumnock Miller\*; Eugenia  
Griffin Burnett\*; Louise Hooper  
Ewell\*; Frances Murrell  
Rickards\*; Annie Powell Hodges\*
- 1969 Edna Lee Gilchrist '26\*
- 1970 Gladys Wester Horton '30
- 1971 Mary Huntington Harrison '30\*
- 1972 Phoebe Rowe Peters '31\*
- 1973 Edith Durrell Marshall '21\*
- 1974 Florence Freeman Fowler '19\*  
and Helen H. McMahon '23
- 1975 Elizabeth Prescott Balch '28\*
- 1976 Juliet Halliburton Burnett  
Davis '35
- 1977 Martha von Briesen '31 and  
Jacquelyn Strickland Dwell '35\*
- 1978 Dorothy Nicholson Tate '38\*
- 1979 Martha Lou Lemmon  
Stohlman '34
- 1980 Dale Hutter Harris '53
- 1981 Ann Marshall Whitley '47
- 1982 Preston Hodges Hill '49
- 1983 Mary Elizabeth Doucett Neill '41
- 1984 Nancy Dowd Burton '46\*  
and Jane Roseberry Ewald  
Tolleson '52
- 1985 Julia Sadler de Coligny '34\*
- 1986 Adelaide Boze Glascock '40 and  
Sarah Adams Bush '43\*
- 1987 Julia Gray Saunders Michaux '39
- 1988 Evelyn Dillard Grones '45\*
- 1989 Anne Noyes Awtrey Lewis '43  
and Catharine Fitzgerald  
Booker '47\*
- 1990 Margaret Sheffield Martin '48
- 1991 Sara Shallenberger Brown '32
- 1992 Catherine Barnett Brown '49
- 1993 Ann Samford Upchurch '48\*
- 1994 Clare Newman Blanchard '60  
and Mildred Newman Thayer '61
- 1995 Helen Murchison Lane '46 and  
Adeline Jones Voorhees '46
- 1996 Alice Cary Farmer Brown '59
- 1997 Julia Mills Jacobsen '45
- 1998 Elizabeth Trueheart Harris '49
- 1999 Allison Stemmons Simon '63

\*deceased



# TRANSITIONS



Margaret Scouten

## Margaret Scouten: New Director of the Junior Year in France Program

Margaret Scouten became Sweet Briar's director of the Junior Year in France July 1, when Emile Langlois retired from the directorship; Professor Langlois will spend a final year as resident JYF director in Paris.

Margaret joined the Sweet Briar faculty as visiting assistant professor of French in 1983-85. Following positions as chair of the French department at the Tandem School in Charlottesville, and visiting assistant professor of French at Mary Baldwin College, she returned to SBC in 1989. Since 1990, she has served as coordinator of international studies, and in 1998 was appointed director of international studies, teaching in the Department of Modern Languages and Literature as well. During the summers of 1990 and 1991, Margaret directed an International Language Academy in French on campus.

She holds a Ph.D. in French Literature from SUNY at Albany; an M.A. from SUNY at Buffalo; and a B.A. from LeMoyne College in Syracuse. Before coming to Virginia, she taught at L'Ecole Normale

D'Institutrices, L'Ecole Maternelle in Albi, France, at SUNY at Cortland, at the Bentley School in New York City, at SUNY at Albany, and spent a year as translator and documentalist at the Cultural Services of the French Embassy in New York. An active participant in numerous Francophile associations, she is a member of the Board of Directors of the Virginia Council of International Education and the National Association of International Educators, and treasurer of the Francophone World Special Interest Group for NAFSA.



Ann MacDonald Carter

## Margaret Ann Gadsden MacDonald Carter '97 Promoted to Associate Director of the Alumnae Association

Ann MacDonald joined the alumnae staff as alumnae programs coordinator immediately after graduating cum laude from SBC with a major in anthropology and minor in Spanish. Named assistant director in 1998, she expanded the Alumna-in-Residence program and continued to work closely with alumnae clubs in Regions I, III, VI, VII, and X, traveling extensively to touch base with alumnae in these areas. In 1999 she oversaw all

arrangements for performances in Richmond, Atlanta, and Sweet Briar of the play, *A World Kicked to Pieces: Mary Boykin Chesnut on Love & War*, written by Kenneth Graham, presented by The Actors' Theatre of South Carolina, and sponsored by the College and the Richmond and Atlanta Alumnae Clubs.

This July, Ann became the Alumnae Association's associate director and director of the Alumnae College Program—and married fiancé Michael Stewart Carter. After honeymooning in Spain, the newlyweds have made Lynchburg their home.

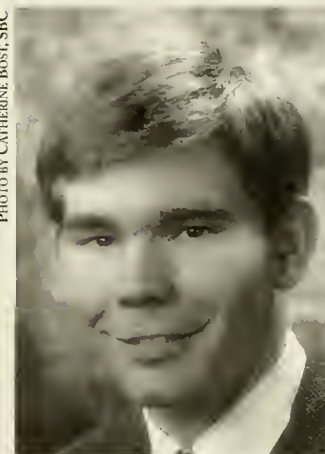


Deal Tompkins

## E. Deal Tompkins: Director of Capital and Planned Giving

Deal Tompkins, a native of Roanoke, and Sweet Briar's new director of capital and planned gifts, signed on in May 2000, bringing a wealth of experience in development and institutional planning to the development staff. Formerly he served as director of planned giving at Randolph-Macon College in Ashland; vice president for institutional advancement at St. Andrews Presbyterian College, Laurinburg, NC; vice president for college advancement, Mary Washington College, Fredericks-

burg; vice president for development, Mary Washington Hospital Foundation, Fredericksburg; and director of special gifts, Mary Washington College. At Sweet Briar, he looks forward to expanding the estate planning program by scheduling estate planning seminars to be held on and off-campus, and to increasing membership in the Indiana Fletcher Williams Associates (those who have included the College in their wills). Deal expects to travel extensively to touch base with alumnae, parents, and friends of the College in all areas of the United States. He is "very happy to be part of such a strong institution at such an exciting time in its history."



Greg Moody

## Gregory D. Moody: Staff Writer/Media Relations Coordinator on Public Relations Staff

Greg Moody, a 1997 cum laude B.A. graduate of Colby College, ME with a major in music, minor in creative writing, earned a master of science degree in public relations from the S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications, Syracuse University in 1999. Past experience in communications and public relations includes positions and

internships with Washington University, St. Louis; Yenawine Institute, Syracuse; Syracuse University; Syracuse Area Landmark Theatre; WMHB Radio, Waterville, ME; and KDXH Radio, St. Louis. Joining the SBC public relations staff in February, he serves as the liaison between local, regional, and national media and the College, and writes for campus publications.

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Jay Philpott

### Jay Philpott Joins Development Staff as Annual Fund Associate

A 2000 graduate of Presbyterian College in Clinton, SC, Jay received the Outstanding Senior Award and recognition from the student affairs staff as "Student Leader of the Year." He focused his career search on higher education fund-raising; his development experience includes his leadership as alumni phonathon manager and student assistant to the vice president of advancement at Presbyterian College. Jay's new responsibilities at SBC include the student phonathon program, Junior Boxwood Circle, direct mail program, and the senior class campaign.



Heidi McCrory

### Heidi Hansen McCrory: Executive Director of Development

Ms. Heidi Hansen McCrory

of Lynchburg joined the development staff in August. As executive director of development, she manages the operations of annual giving, stewardship and research, and computer systems support for development, as well as assisting in the upcoming campaign with major gifts. Formerly director of development at Randolph-Macon Woman's College, her 11 years of development experience include management positions at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro and New England College in Henniker, NH. Prior to moving into development, she spent six years in marketing and public relations. A cum laude graduate of Southern Methodist University with a major in communications and minors in journalism and women's studies, she holds a master's degree in English from UNC-Greensboro.

consistent records are maintained; and overseeing the planning and execution of special events and programs to acknowledge donors. Former positions with corporations and educational institutions include administrative and media-related work, and a full roster of volunteer service activities in the Lynchburg community.

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Joan Lucy

### Joan Lucy: Centennial Coordinator and Assistant Director of the Alumnae Association

Joan Lucy assumed her duties on January 31 as Sweet Briar's centennial coordinator, a temporary position on the alumnae staff. Effective July 1, Joan was promoted to assistant director of the Alumnae Association. She will continue to serve as centennial coordinator throughout preparations for the College's gala celebration, and will assist Ann MacDonald with the Alumnae College Program as well as transition into other responsibilities as time and workload permit.

A 1988 graduate of UVA with a B.A. degree in anthropology, Joan received her M.Ed. in School Counseling from UVA in 1993 and her National Counselor Certification in 1994. Through her work in a variety of positions in education and the non-profit sector, Joan has wide events-planning and volunteer management experience.

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Kimber Larson

### Kimber Larson: Assistant Campaign Manager

Kimber Larson joined the development staff in November 1999. A 1993 cum laude graduate of the University of Pittsburgh with a major in communications, and 1996 alumna of the Art Institute of Philadelphia, major in visual communications, she has much experience in event-planning, marketing communication and design, and administrative and program development from former positions in Virginia and Pennsylvania. At SBC, Kimber's responsibilities include managing arrangements for a campaign feasibility study, working with the campaign communications counsel, assisting with stewardship and prospect management, and working with the alumnae assistant director/centennial coordinator.

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Donna Whitehouse

### Donna Whitehouse: Director of Stewardship, Development Staff

A 1976 cum laude graduate of Lynchburg College with a B.S. in mathematics, Donna Whitehouse joined the SBC development staff in October 1999 as director of stewardship, a new position. Her varied responsibilities include making regular reports on the financial status and current use of funds and progress of projects to donors of endowed funds; facilitating gift acknowledgements; insuring that



## SBC Says Au Revoir To Two Longtime Staff Members

*Nancy Church and Monica Dean: A total of 36 years of dedicated service to Sweet Briar! We wish them great success and happiness in their future endeavors.*



Nancy Church

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Monica Dean

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Elizabeth Cash

## Elizabeth Cash Leaves SBC for LC

Elizabeth Reid Cash, who joined Sweet Briar's development staff in September 1998 as assistant director of the annual fund, resigned in May to accept the position of director of the annual fund at Lynchburg College. Very much a "people person," she enjoyed her close contact with SBC students during the twice-a-year phonathons which she oversaw, and with alumnae volunteers for the Annual Fund. At Lynchburg College her responsibilities will include work with the reunion program (two reunion weekends each year), supervision of an assistant director who oversees the phonathon and senior campaign program, and work with the coordinator of parent programs to develop parent participation in the annual fund. We wish her well.

March 15 to assume the position of associate vice president of development at Lynchburg College. Her seven years as Sweet Briar's director of development and most recently director of leadership gift programs were marked by significant strides in the development program. She also served ably as interim vice president, leading the development staff during a time of change. We wish her much success at Lynchburg College.

## Nancy Church '77 Leaves Admissions Post

Nancy Church, well-known to generations of students, parents, and alumnae, left Sweet Briar in May to become director of college counseling at Cushing Academy, near Boston. She had been at Sweet Briar since entering as a first-year student in 1973.

Joining admissions immediately after graduation in 1977, Nancy completed graduate courses in Education Administration and Counseling at UVA. Since 1977, she has filled nearly every admissions post, beginning as admissions counselor, moving to associate director in 1988 and director in 1990. During the '90s, she served as dean of admissions and financial aid.

Nancy represented SBC regionally and nationally, participating in national college counseling seminars and serving as a reader for numerous scholarship programs, including the College Board Scholarship and Recognition Programs, the Coca-Cola Scholarship Foundation, the Harry F. Byrd, Jr. Leadership Awards, and the White House Commission on Presidential Scholarships.

She was a member of the Senior Staff, and a key member on several Board of Directors' committees, known for her expertise, irrepressible spirit, professionalism, and genuine talent for friendship. It will be hard to recognize Sweet Briar without her.

## Monica Dean Leaves Public Relations Staff

Monica Dean left her position as Sweet Briar's director of public relations in mid-May to pursue new opportunities in the business world as E-Communications Manager for GE Financial Assurance Corporation in Lynchburg.

Monica has been part of the Sweet Briar community for 12 years; she and husband Robert Steckel, SBC's director of financial aid, and daughter Clélie have actively participated in all phases of campus life. Robert will continue in his post, but the family has moved to Lynchburg, where Clélie is a junior at E. C. Glass High School.

During her years of leadership, Monica initiated and oversaw significant improvements in the College's public relations program. The quality of publications going out from the College, the College's effective use of electronic media, high rankings in national surveys, including the ranking as the "most wired" women's college in the nation, improved programming through the Lectures and Events Committee—Sweet Briar owes these tremendous strides to Monica's loyal and dedicated commitment to the College and its mission. In all her actions, Monica has personified the adage that things worth doing are worth doing well: she has given her best effort to every undertaking. The community owes her a debt of gratitude that will not be forgotten.

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Denise McDonald

## Denise McDonald Leaves SBC for Lynchburg College Position

Denise McDonald left Sweet Briar's development staff on

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Allison Kughn Ebert

## Allison Kughn Ebert, Annual Fund Director, Steps Down

Former director of annual giving (1997-98) and development assistant, annual giving (1995-97) at the University of Richmond, Allison Kughn became director of the annual fund at SBC in May 1998. Since then, she has worked closely with class fund agents, the Boxwood Circle Committee and Boxwood Circle fund agents, and with Reunion gift chairs in the Reunion Giving program. On June 3, Allison and fiancé Marshall Reid Ebert, Jr., were married. Best wishes to the happy couple!

# DEATHS

PHOTO FROM 1977 BRIAR PATCH



Dick Rowland

## In Memoriam: Dr. Richard C. Rowland

Dr. Richard (Dick) Rowland, who retired from Sweet Briar in 1982 as professor of English, and served as professor emeritus through 1983, died March 14, 2000 in Portland, Oregon. He was for many years a Friends of the Library Council member and editor, with his wife Clarissa, of the *Library Gazette*.

Professor Rowland was a long-standing faculty member at Sweet Briar, first serving as associate professor (1957-62), professor (1962-75), Charles A. Dana Professor of English from 1975 until his retirement in 1982, then Charles A. Dana Professor Emeritus in 1982-83.

Professor Rowland resided in Portland. He is survived by his wife Clarissa; two daughters, Charity Marx, Portland and Elizabeth Overmeyer, Berkeley, CA; two sons, David, Portland and Hugh, San Francisco; and two grandchildren.

A memorial service was held at Sweet Briar during Reunion Weekend 2000.

*Look for reminiscences shared by his colleagues in the Fall 2000 Alumnae Magazine.*

PHOTO FROM 1941 BRIAR PATCH



Edward Linforth

## Edward Mortimer Linforth

We have received word that Edward Mortimer Linforth, who taught Italian Painting, studio art, aesthetics, and architecture at Sweet Briar from 1938 to 1945, died on December 7, 1997.

After college at the University of California, where his father Ivan was chairman of the Department of Greek and Latin, "Ted" spent several years working for architect Julia Morgan and for William R. Hearst, painting murals at San Simeon. In 1937 he received an advanced degree at the Yale University School of Art and Architecture.

Rejected by the Navy during World War II due to inadequate eyesight, he served as head of the War Price and Rationing Board in Amherst County.

He left Sweet Briar to work for the Navy at Yale, then went to Rohm and Haas as director of research designs, where he researched peacetime uses for Plexiglas. Retiring early after a severe heart attack, he moved to Howey in the Hills, Florida.

Mr. Linforth was married for

60 years to Justine Arnold, SBC '47. In addition to Justine, he is survived by two sons, Jonathan and David, and two daughters, Justine Ingersoll and Katharine Gordon.

## Joseph D. Landen 1925-2000

It is with sadness that we report the death on April 17, 2000 of Joseph D. Landen, a former member of Sweet Briar's Board of Overseers from July 1974 through June 1982.

Mr. Landen, born in July 1925, received his B.S. from Yale University and the L.L.B. from Chase College of Law in 1949. For many years he served as the head trust officer at Central Trust Company in Cincinnati, OH, and was a dedicated and involved board member and treasurer of the General Protestant Orphans Home, and a member of the executive board of the Dan Beard Council of the Boy Scouts of America. During his term on SBC's Board of Overseers, he served on the Academic Affairs and Investments & Finance committees.

He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth Todd '50, daughters Elizabeth ("Libby") '80 and Margaret, and mother-in-law Ruth Ulland Todd '22.

## Cecile Tetreault 1931-1999

Ms. Cecile Tetreault, better known fondly as "Ma" by the Sweet Briar community, died July 21st, 1999 at her home in Monroe, from a massive heart attack. She was born on August 22, 1931 in Central Falls, Rhode Island.

Ma became part of the Sweet Briar community in the summer of 1978 when she joined the College's Police Department as a patrol officer. During the summer of 1981, she was promoted to the rank of sergeant, quickly becoming a good friend to Sweet Briar students and a legend and terror to young, high-spirited college men visiting campus.

Leaving the College Police Department in 1987 to begin work in the Information Center, she retired from Sweet Briar in 1996, but soon came out of retirement as a standby operator for the Information Center.

Remembered for her ongoing hilarious accounts of campus happenings and intrepid encounters in the line of duty, her verve and sense of humor is missed by all who knew her.

She is survived by three children: Owen Vosburgh, Ann Cash, and Lisa Vosburgh.



# RECENT DEATHS

ACAD Susan Williams Mrs. Scott Wilson May 21, 1999	1931 Ellen Eskridge Mrs. Walter L. Sanders, Jr. Date unknown	1936 Doris Risk Mrs. James D. Curwen March 8, 2000	1948 Mary Humphries Mrs. John A. Hook January 9, 2000
1918 Virginia Williams Mrs. Joseph B. Wells Date unknown	1931 Elise Jester Mrs. Claude W. Meadows, Jr. January 27, 2000	1936 Maria Gray Valentine Mrs. Theodore M. Curtis March 26, 2000	1948 Anne Ryland Ricks Mrs. John A. Griffin April 21, 2000
1919 Mary McCaa Mrs. Joseph D. Deal November 1, 1999	1931 Marion Murphy Mrs. William C. Munz Date unknown	1937 Natalie Lucas Mrs. Maitland S. Chase, Jr. December 25, 1999	1948 Elizabeth White Mrs. Charles A. Gregory, Jr. December 6, 1999
1920 Corinne Loney Mrs. George E. Benson November 25, 1999	1931 Pauline Woodward Mrs. Robert W. Hill February 4, 2000	1937 Helen Williamson Mrs. Wayne Dumont II June 2, 2000	1949 Zola Garrison Mrs. James G. Ware November 23, 1999
1923 Mathilda Bryant Mrs. Robert B. George September 16, 1999	1932 Emma Green Mrs. William N. Kennon January 18, 2000	1938 Pauline Womack Mrs. George S. Swan September 24, 1999	1950 Catherine Barker Miss Catherine M. Barker January 25, 2000
1923 Virginia Thompson Mrs. Leland S. McElwee May 30, 2000	1932 Emma Knowlton Mrs. Stuart B. Lytle February 21, 2000	1939 Katherine Richards Mrs. Robert L. DeLancey March 15, 2000	1953 Susan Goodridge Mrs. Daniel O'Connell 1999
1925 Martha Jamison Mrs. Hugh W. Causey February 17, 2000	1933 Dorothy Hedges Mrs. Robert L. Cushing October 31, 1999	1939 Mary Jeffery Welles Mrs. John V. Pearson December 21, 1999	1953 Jane Littleford Mrs. Robert H. Stegeman February 2000
1925 Elizabeth MacQueen Mrs. Frank A. Payne November 2, 1999	1933 Antoinette Levillian Mrs. Charles Heslouin December 9, 1999	1940 Joan Boye Mrs. John W. Waddill March 4, 2000	1953 Janet Widau Mrs. Janet W. Harris January 9, 2000
1925 Eleanor Miller Mrs. Eleanor M. Patterson June 23, 2000	1933 Helen Nice Mrs. Howard Moss December 15, 1999	1940 Helen Taylor Dr. Helen W. Taylor September 7, 1999	1954 Mary Anice Barber Mrs. Julian Read November 30, 1999
1926 Elizabeth Rountree Mrs. George H. Kellerman October 17, 1999	1933 Evdokia Ragsdale Mrs. H. Scott Stewart December 30, 1999	1940 Margaret Woodward Mrs. Jac E. Countess March 2, 1998	1955 Kathleen Grant Mrs. Oliver Pierson 1995
1926 May Speed Mrs. May S. Sexton October 24, 1999	1933 Mary Bess Roberts Ms. Mary R. Waynick March 22, 2000	1941 Martha Jean Brooks Mrs. Martha Jean Miller January 25, 2000	1958 Letha Wood Letha Wood Audhuy October 31, 1999
1927 Alice Eskesen Mrs. Edwin F. Ganzel January 22, 2000	1933 Leila Van Leer Mrs. H. Donald Schwaab December 10, 1999	1942 Laura Graves Mrs. Gordon P. Howell December 24, 1999	1959 Catherine Frowery Mrs. Cecil R. Greer II March 12, 2000
1927 Audrey Graves Mrs. W. C. Graves, Jr. Spring 2000	1933 Ann Watkins Mrs. Ann Boatner Groves March 31, 2000	1942 Nancy Taylor Mrs. Harris Smith March 25, 2000	1960 Karen Janssen Mrs. Karen J. Brede January 6, 2000
1928 Phyllis Walker Mrs. Robert J. Leary January 1999	1933 Betty Workman Mrs. Workman Wright Date unknown	1944 Elizabeth Rodgers Mrs. William Hagen January 11, 2000	1962 Catherine Grinnan Mrs. Harwood Ritter November 1, 1999
1929 Belle Brockenbrough Mrs. John S. Hutchins March 17, 2000	1934 Netty Ohershain Mrs. Netty Bowles January 2000	1945 Helen Davis Mrs. Herbert C. Wohlers December 26, 1999	1966 Judy Baker Mrs. Nelson DeSouza February 9, 2000
1930 Marion Bromfield Mrs. John B. Verner Date unknown	1935 Allyn Capron Mrs. Leo H. Heintz June 19, 1997	1947 Eleanor Bosworth Mrs. Edgar F. Shannon, Jr. March 3, 2000	1967 Daphne Baynham Mrs. Kemble White III November 30, 1999
1930 Eleanor Marshall Mrs. N. Beverley Tucker September 13, 1999	1935 Frances Morrison Mrs. Warren T. Ruddell December 16, 1999	1947 Elizabeth Gates Mrs. O. Scott Rogers September 27, 1999	1968 Andrea Walker Mrs. Andrea Walker Rice January 17, 2000
1930 Myra Marshall Mrs. Edward V. Brush, Jr. March 8, 2000	1935 Elizabeth Stone Mrs. Elizabeth S. Scerbo August 31, 1999	1947 Alice Reese Mrs. Joseph E. Edens May 24, 1999	1986 Cecilia Kennedy Miss Cecilia M. Kennedy January 17, 1997
1931 Jean Cole Mrs. J. Cole Anderson March 21, 2000	1936 Jacqueline Moore Mrs. William H. Hoofnagle, Jr. November 27, 1999	1947 Margaret Ellen White Mrs. James Martin Van Buren II December 4, 1999	

*If you wish to write to a member of the family of someone recently deceased, please contact the Alumnae Office for name and address.*

# SWEET BRIAR ALUMNAE COLLEGE TRAVEL PROGRAM 2001

## January 13-20, 2001: "The Hidden Islands of the West Indies: Grenadines, Windwards & Leewards."

One-week voyage on the 69-cabin *Yorktown Clipper* calling at the beautiful islands of Bequia, Union Island, St. Lucia, Dominica, Nevis, and St. Kitts. Optional sailboat and catamaran excursions to tiny out-of-the-way islands in the Grenadines—Mayreau, Tobago Cays, and Mustique. Small motorized landing craft explore otherwise inaccessible beaches and islands: swim, hike, bird-watch with onboard naturalist. Onboard historian offers an interesting perspective on the islands' history. Travel with alumni from UVA and UNC at Chapel Hill.

## March 5-13: Alumni College in Provence.

Ideal program of travel and study based in Aix-en-Provence, the region's capital. Seven nights at first-class Hotel Aquabella in Aix, daily mix of seminars and excursions. Special "Meet the People" panel discussion with local residents. Excursion highlights: Aix, the old fishing village of Cassis; historic villages of Les Lubéron, Arles with its Roman ruins; beautiful sights of Les Baux and St. Rémy; Palace of the Popes in Avignon; and the remarkable aqueduct of the Pont du Gard. Excellent value with transatlantic air, 3 meals a day; all seminars, excursions, and accommodations included at reasonable cost.

## May 22-June 8: China and the Yangtze River.

Guest lecturer: SBC Professor of Art History Aileen Laing. This comprehensive yet well-paced tour includes both universally celebrated sites and many less known to westerners. Begin in Beijing with welcome ceremonies and an introduction to changing China by Tour Director Charlotte Xu. Beijing's 5-night stay includes visits to a Buddhist lamastery, a Confucian Temple, the Temple of Heaven, the Summer Palace, early-morning at Coal Hill Park to see Chinese engaged in taiji, gongxi, and other health practices, a less-crowded section of the Great Wall which has a cable car, and the Forbidden City, symbol of traditional China. Two nights in Xian allow viewing the 2,300-year-old terra-



"Berlin—The Elbe River—Prague," May 26-June 6, 2000. L-r, front row: Audrey Lahman Rosselot '48, Anne Corbitt Little '34, Mary Scully Olney '41, Anne Wilson Rowe '57, SB President Elisabeth Muhlenfeld; Lynn Crosby Gammill '58, Tracy Bragg, Frances Fields Nugent.

Back row: Al Chambers, Bettye Thomas Chambers '62, Stewart Gammill III, Bohn Lindemann, Caroline Casey Lindemann '49, Jim Olney, George Bogardus, Jenny Bogardus (with hat), Jackie Childress, Ann Musgrove, Beverly Smith Bragg '54, Gary Childress, Kitty Guerrant Fields '53, Larry Wollan, John Bragg, Josiah P. Rowe III.

cotta warriors of China's first emperor, Qinshihuang. Fly to Guilin which, with its surrounding area, is one of nature's most stunning achievements; cruise the Li River through mountains which have inspired countless Chinese poets and painters. Two nights in Dazhu, one of China's most important cultural and archaeological sites with its spectacular Buddhist grottoes. Board the *M.S. Victoria* for 4 nights on the Yangtze River: see the extraordinary Three Gorges which soon will disappear because of the dam construction now under way. Daily special side trips include one through steep canyons of the Three Small Gorges. Conclude with 2 nights in dynamic Shanghai.

## July 5-14: "Undiscovered Greece," a cruise aboard the 34-passenger *Callisto*.

President Muhlenfeld and husband Laurin Wollan accompany this tour.

Participants discover one of the country's most beautiful, diverse, unspoiled regions: the Gulf of Evia, the Pelion Peninsula, southern Macedonia, and islands of the Northern Sporades. Here, in incredibly beautiful settings, are villages whose character has not changed for centuries, ancient sites still under excavation, and small islands beyond reach of cruise ships.

Begin with a night in Athens' Hotel Grande Bretagne; enjoy a tour of the Acropolis, then drive to Chalkis to board *Callisto*. The 7-night cruise visits Thermopylae, where Spartans defended against invading Persians; the spectacular



Travelers on Sweet Briar's "Kenya Discovery," January 16-28, 2000.

L-r: Linda Jennings Odum '72, Mollie Johnson Nelson '64, Henry B. Pennell III, Lucinda Lawrence Pierce '72, Edwin Ongori (guide), Mrs. Henry B. Pennell III.

archaeological site of Delphi, dedicated to Apollo; the Meteora Monasteries perched atop gigantic precipitous rocks rising from the Thessaly Valley; Skopelos, most fertile of the Sporades Islands; the island of Alonissos and main town, Patitiri; the Pelion Peninsula's traditional villages of Zagora, Portaria, Makrinita, and Tsagarada; Dion, sacred city of ancient Macedonia sited below Mount Olympus; the Vale of Tempe, sacred in antiquity to Apollo; the crusader castle of Platanonas; and lovely island of Skiathos. Enjoy swimming in the beautiful blue Aegean.

## October 8-16: Alumni College in Sorrento.

A week in Italy's southern province of Campania, based in Sorrento: 7 nights in Grand Hotel Ambasciatori situated in a subtropical park overlooking the sea, minutes from the town center. This educational week

has daily seminars and excursions. Highlights: orientation walk of the lovely town of Sorrento; visit to the Palace of Caserta; full-day visit to Naples and its Archaeological Museum with a famous Neapolitan Pizza lunch; spectacular drive along the famed Amalfi Coast, stops at Positano and Amalfi; full day on the Isle of Capri; visit to the ancient ruins of Pompeii. Open forum with the residents of Sorrento, and "Tarantella Showcase" featuring traditional local dancers. Reasonable price covers transatlantic air, all meals, accommodations, seminars, excursions.

**All dates and itineraries are subject to change. For further information contact Noreen Parker, travel coordinator, Alumnae Office: (804) 381-6317; fax 804-381-6132; E-mail [nparker@sbc.edu](mailto:nparker@sbc.edu)**



# BULLETIN BOARD

## "Technocracy in America 2000: The Media's Impact on Presidential Politics"

Sponsored by the Center for Civic Renewal  
Sweet Briar College

October 13-14, 2000

"Technocracy" signifies the intersection of technology and democracy.

Sweet Briar's symposium will explore technology's influence on presidential politics from the televised Nixon/Kennedy debates in 1960 to Internet campaigning and fundraising in the 2000 election.

Just three weeks before Election Day 2000, SBC will host an impressive array of speakers who have observed and made media history in political campaigns and who are now contributing to the landmark changes in American democracy and politics.

### SCHEDULE

#### Friday, October 13

8:00-9:30 p.m. Evening Panel:

"The New Media, the Internet, and Presidential Politics: Dispatches from the Cutting Edge"

Panelists: Michael Cornfield, Max Fose, Lee Rainie, Lynn Reed, Mark Warner, David Yalof.

Moderator: Assistant Professor of Government Steve Bragaw.

#### Saturday, October 14

9:30-11:00 a.m. Morning Panel: "Television and Presidential Politics: From the Kennedy/Nixon Debates to 21st-Century Sound Bites"

Panelists: Ann Compton, Roger Mudd, Daniel Schorr. Moderator: Professor of Government Barbara Perry.

1:30-3:00 p.m. Keynote Address: Andrea Mitchell

**Plan to be here for this landmark program!**

#### Calling All QVs

Sarah Kingsley Foley '99 is designing a website for our distinguished club. Please contact her:  
e-mail [virginiacheer@hotmail.com](mailto:virginiacheer@hotmail.com)  
or write: 161 Merrimac Trail, #8, Williamsburg, VA, 23185. Include full name, QV name, graduation year, fellow QV "moms and babies"/lineage members and their QV names, your lineage's name, lineage requirements, pictures, stories and rules for THE GAME (with the Bum Chums).

#### Museum Needs Six Sweet Briar Rings

Each SBC class from 1910-1933 had a different class ring. The Museum collection includes all but six: **1911; 1914; 1915; 1918; 1925; 1931**. Can anyone help complete the collection? Thank you!

Ann Marshall Whitley '47, Curator, Sweet Briar Museum

## LETTERS

#### Sweet Briar Website

I just visited the Sweet Briar website by accident (via a link from Phi Beta Kappa) and enjoyed the site so much. How nostalgic! I grew up at SBC—my father, Dr. Ewing C. Scott, taught chemistry there from 1927 (the year of my birth) to 1944; we lived in the log house beyond the dairy, which my father built. I decided not to go to college there, partly because there was no Phi Beta Kappa at that time, but my sister and I had such wonderful times on that beautiful campus—the Meta Glass era. One of my mother's paintings, "Cow Hill," hangs in Sweet Briar House (Dorothy Carnine Scott). It was my admiration for the SBC German prof that led me to choose German for my first modern language, in which I eventually majored. I still keep in touch with a few old-timers with SBC connections...I just wanted to tell you how much I enjoyed the glimpses and the site.

—Cordially, Dorothy Scott Gibbs,  
Estes Park, Colorado,  
[owlsnest40@juno.com](mailto:owlsnest40@juno.com)

#### Saddened by the news of Professor Kent

I was saddened by the news of Prof. Kent passing away, but very glad the writers of the periodical included it. I took one history class my freshman year taught by Prof. Kent. And though, at the time, my study interests were elsewhere, I enjoyed her class very much. Later on, her class proved very relevant. Last May at the SBC reunion dinner, she was the one professor who caught my eye and actually remembered my name! I was so very flattered and surprised, at the same time it seemed to Kent such an assumed quality for a person to have a memory of an elephant. We had a great conversation which is always assumed when talking to Prof. Kent. It was great to see her remembered in our magazine. Thank you!

—Vinca Swanson '94

#### From a grandmother who accompanied her granddaughter on a Prospective Student Open House visit

...What a beautiful place—the setting, the buildings, but most of all, the delightful spirit that we experi-

enced made it all memorable. Sweet Briar epitomizes my idea of education. As one student said about a professor, "He doesn't just teach facts, he opens up the world." The faculty involvement and dedication set this school apart. As a grandmother and a retired registered nurse, I am very grateful to find a college such as Sweet Briar where honor, education, and respect for the individual combine to strengthen and enhance the potential of each fortunate young woman. God bless you.

—Sincerely, Elizabeth Hammer

#### A Real Disappointment

I find it a real disappointment that your office is experiencing such a constrictive budget...The alumnae notes, news, and photos are what we all look at first and foremost. Cutting out one magazine a year was bad enough.

—Warmly, Susan Detweiler '88

#### Wow!

... What a fabulous issue [Winter 2000] with fascinating information about our amazing ladies with such an interesting, new and attractive

look! My congratulations on a job extremely well done... I sat right down and read it from cover to cover. I knew we had impressive alumnae, but WOW!

—Nannette McBurney Crowds '57

#### Thanks!

Thanks to all of you for a wonderful [Reunion] weekend, and for making us feel so welcome... complete with the spectacular sound and light show!!! Kudos for overcoming adversity with such flair!

—xoxoxo Sara Hodge Geuder

(Daughter of Emily Jones Hodge '27)

#### Enormous Amounts of News

I have attached the 1998 class notes. I again heard from over 75 people, all with enormous amounts of news. I cut as much as I could, but it was very hard. I was thrilled to see the class notes on "cheap" paper in the last magazine, now if you would do the roll call of donors on the same paper...

—Dawn Everett, 1998 Class Secretary



# CENTENNIAL GALA AND YEAR-LONG SERIES OF EVENTS IN THE PLANNING STAGE

Throughout Sweet Briar's centennial year, there will be festive celebrations of the College's past, present, and future. The 2001 Winter Forums will initiate the centennial celebration with a lecture series on civic renewal, chaired by Dr. Barbara Perry, professor of government and executive director of Sweet Briar's new Center for Civic Renewal, and Stephen Bragaw, assistant professor of government.

**Hold the date! Mark your calendars for the Centennial Gala : April 21, 2001.** The Gala spectacular will feature an academic forum, reception, dinner, and the presentation of special Centennial Awards to individuals who have had a significant influence on the College and the Sweet Briar community.

Numerous projects are upcoming or under way, including a new Alumnae College Program during the summer of 2001, the production of a centennial video, the bestowing of honorary degrees to keynote speakers at centennial events, special commemorative items, a centennial song competition, regional celebrations, and a special event for students in the fall of 2001.

Plan to be at Sweet Briar for the Gala, look for the centennial calendar of events in the commemorative fall issue of the *Alumnae Magazine*, and get ready to **Celebrate!**

## Centennial Song Competition! \$1,000 Prize!

### Purpose

As the College begins its second century, it is appropriate not only to appreciate the past, but to consider aspects of college life in terms of the present and future. The Centennial provides an opportunity to create a new Sweet Briar song which might reflect a more modern sensibility, and perhaps be easier to sing.

### Competition

The Centennial Commission announces a competition for a new Sweet Briar song.

Several donors have provided \$1,000 in prize money to be awarded the author/composer of a successful entry. Selection rests with a jury representing a cross section of the SBC community; the jury reserves the right to terminate the contest if no entry is deemed superior to the old song.

### Guidelines

Text may be original or chosen from any source relevant to the SBC experience, provided that no copyright laws are broken and that permission is received to use written material in existence, if necessary.

Song should have only one or two verses, with a rhyme scheme easy to remember.

Tune should be within an average voice range, limited to an octave.

Song, while easy to learn and sing, should be adaptable to being orchestrated and arranged for the choir in four-part harmony.

### Competition deadline: December 15, 2000

All songs should be submitted by December 15 to: Centennial Commission, Box E, Sweet Briar, VA 24595; Fax 804-381-6132.

## The Sweet Briar Centennial Award

### Purpose

The Sweet Briar Centennial Award was created by action of the Centennial Commission and Board of Directors of Sweet Briar College.

The purpose of the award is to recognize "individuals who have had a significant impact on Sweet Briar College and/or the Sweet Briar community" from three categories: faculty, staff, and alumnae/friends of the College.

It is intended that all of the awards will be presented at one time, on the night of the April 2001 Gala Celebration. Posthumous awards may be included. This award program is intended to complement the College's overall awards program.

One award will be given in each of the three categories (faculty, staff and alumnae/friends of the College) for each quarter century of the College's history, for a total of 12 awards. Additional awards may be given in particular quarters of the century; however no more than 20 Centennial Awards will be presented.

### Qualifications of Nominees

1. Nominees must be current or past faculty, staff, alumnae, or friends of the College.
2. Nominees must not have received an Honorary Degree from the College.
3. Nominees may not be *current* members of the College Board of Directors, or *current* members of the Alumnae Board. *Former* members of the Board of Directors and the Alumnae Board may be considered.

### Criteria for Selection

Selected recipients must agree to be present at the Centennial Gala Celebration in April 2001 at Sweet Briar College. In the event of an award being presented posthumously, a member of the deceased's family must be in attendance.

The Centennial Award is to be presented to individuals who, through dedication and commitment to the values and mission of Sweet Briar College, have "had a significant impact on Sweet Briar College and/or the Sweet Briar community."

### Procedure

A Centennial Awards Nominating Committee has been formed and will meet regularly to develop a pool of possible award recipients. The committee shall make recommendations to President Muhlenfeld by November 2000. The Alumnae Office will gather biographical information to accompany the recommendations. President Muhlenfeld and the Centennial Commission will make final selections in December 2000. Recipients will be notified and asked to respond in January 2001. Regional Alumnae Chairs will be notified of recipients of the Centennial Award in their areas so that local recognition celebrations can be planned throughout the centennial year of 2001. The actual awards will be presented at the Centennial Gala in April 2001.

Please send your nominations asap to: Centennial Awards Committee,  
P.O. Box E, Sweet Briar, VA 24595. Fax: 804-381-6132.  
E-mail: [alumnae@sbc.edu](mailto:alumnae@sbc.edu)

**Please remember to return the survey on the Centennial Sweet Briar Plate Project (See back cover). Thank you!**



# CLASS NOTES

## 1929

**President and Secretary:**  
**Sally Callison Jamison**

Here is evidence that some of us 29ers are still flapping along in 2000 AD. **Dorothea Paddock Seeber's** daughter, the Rev. Sister Laurian Seeber, sent the news that her mother Dorothea's book, "A Boy just for Me" is to be published this spring. Dorothea wrote the book long ago when she worked for Readers Digest. Cheers to 29's two most faithful correspondents, **Izzy North Goodwin** and **Sue Tucker Yates**. Sue says that she is feeling great, having lots of houseguests, and living alone. She reads a lot and is in her 7th year of teaching a bible class to young Episcopal matrons. She spent Christmas in Charlotte, NC with her daughter and family and saw many of her friends there. Izzy is her usual perky self, involved in many activities in her retirement home and enjoying frequent visits from her grandchildren. **Evaline Thoma** spent her usual Feb. in Sun City, AZ. She no longer plays golf but still enjoys painting. **Virginia Chafee (Ginny) Gwynn** has moved back to "assisted living" at Bentley Village in Naples. I called her in the middle of the big move, when she was frantically directing that effort. She said she feels pretty good, but OLD. **Gertrud Sigmon** is now in Eldercare Nursing Home in Rocky Mount, NC. On March 17th I received the sad news that my best friend since age 7, **Belle Brockenbrough Hutchins**, passed away in Delray Beach. What a real Queen!

**Margaret "Whiz" Weisiger** called me in Dec. hoping that she could come to Williamsburg, Va to see me while I was spending Christmas there with son Jamie and family. Time didn't permit the visit, but on the phone she sounded as full of spirit as ever and is still devoted to teaching Asian students. **Ruth Ferguson Smythe** has moved to a new location in Louisville. We had a fun visit at Torch Lake last summer comparing and laughing at our frailties. Our audience was composed of our daughters, **Meredith Smythe, SBC '56**, **Jane Messer '59** and my niece **Bess Smith Stone '58**. I am off to Indiana after a great winter in Naples—Keep flapping!

## 1932

**President:** Marjorie Ward Cross  
**Secretary:** Virginia Squibb Flynn  
**Fund Agent:** Eleanor Wright Conway

**Pat Ward Cross** keeps busy with Adult Education classes at the Univ. of Del. Made two trips to IL and Sanibel FL where she enjoyed four great grandsons. **Suzanne Gay Linville** and Ed celebrated an 80th birthday at the Cosmopolitan Club in NYC surrounded by family and friends. **Eleanor Wright Conway** writes from her retirement home in Indianapolis where she is busy seeing friends, attending weight activities, Bible study, church and best

of all having visiting grandchildren, even from Alaska. **Emily Maxwell Litempage** is in an assisted living care home, so writes her granddaughter. Emily's health is good—her mind is "so-so". She has two sets of twins, great granddaughters who live near her. **Elizabeth Layfield Smith** writes from Raleigh, NC, that she remembers well me, Squibby, when she and her twin Eleanor were at Sweet Briar. Eleanor died 15 years ago. Elizabeth is still living in her big house in Raleigh. Her grandchildren are settled around. I'm sad to report that **Emma Green Kennon** died in Jan.00 and **Emma Knowlton Lytle** died in Feb.

**Virginia Squibb Flynn**, your secretary enjoyed hearing from you, my dear classmates. Wish more of you would write to me. Jim and I still live in N. Branford, Ct, blessed to have our first great grandson Wm Zbigniew Brzezinski, son of our daughter, Ginny Flynn and Ian Brzezinski. Love, Squibby

## 1934

**Secretary:** Martha Lou Lemmon Stohlman

**Fund Agent:** Elizabeth Bond Wood

In eighth grade I was appalled at news of war debts due in 1946. By then, who would care? Now the jolt comes from the year 2000. Did we ever expect to see it? Quite a few of us will, d.v.

My very first 1934 card came from **Helen Hofficker Roehm**. I put it in such a secure place that—well, you know what. But I recall that she's still reading a lot and even taking some classes. **Betty Suttle Briscoe** also reports continuing enjoyment of books, plays, and concerts in spite of "worn out parts and vital replacements." **Dot Turno Gardner's** social schedule leaves me limp just to read about. **Nancy Russell Carter** swims and plays golf and tennis. She hears from **Dot Hussey Rockaway** whose letters have been reduced, alas! by a stroke. And **Helen Hanson Bamford's** athletics are diminished by vertebrae fractured in a trip over a phone cord but she's still able to cope with her house's utility ailments. **Emily Marsh Nichols** is another with bones broken, "leg, pelvis, etc." she says. Etc.??? But we still have travelers. **Margaret Ross Ellice** got to the Norwegian coast and North Cape. **Ruth Myers Pleasants** visited Paris and Vienna and saw three operas. **Lib Scheuer Maxwell** tasted wine in Hungary on a trip led by son John. **Anne Corbitt Little** recommends a tour with Sweet Briar such as her trip to Sicily, Italy and Monte Carlo. **Connie Burwell White** and Bill have been in San Francisco and are wintering in Scottsdale, AZ. **Elizabeth Mayfield Roughton** and her husband are still traveling. A few slipped discs held my travel to the U.S.: Florida, Kennebunkport, Seattle, and Missouri. The latter included a great Elderhostel in Independence, with its Trails West, our 32nd president,

Lewis and Clark, Jesse James, and—the peak excitement—a steamboat with fabulous cargo excavated by local residents from a farmer's cornfield, formerly bed of the Missouri River.

Only **Mary Moore Rowe** mentions the drouth, very real here too, and recalls the one in our Freshman year. Remember the threat to close college at the end of our very first month?

**Emily Nichols, Tinka Strauss Solmssen, Mary Lee Ryan Porter, Nancy Carter** and I (no doubt others—who?) like the life of retirement communities. No more cooking. Lots of care and sociability. Repairmen on the run after a phone call. What else could you want? Oh, well, yes—children, grandchildren and great-grands. **Jane Morrison Moore Leak** and **Marite Stephens Sheridan** each have ten great-grands (or will soon). Many other progeny were mentioned including **Marjorie Van Evera Lovelace's** Richard, applied physicist and astronomer, now a Distinguished Visiting Lecturer at Los Alamos. Marj recalls the somewhat less distinguished performance of his mother and me in Dr. Edwards's physics 101 and wonders at Richard's talent. (Husband, El, is a city planner.) Tinka is the only one who mentions electronic complexities of our time. I take it that you, like me, don't get much farther than word-processing. But I have been amazed by a GPS, plus laptop, showing on a map precisely—of the whole world—where I was.

## 1937

An article on **Peggy Cruikshank Dyer** and her volunteer work reading aloud to schoolchildren appeared in the 11/24/99 Marion (Mass.) *Sentinel*. To quote from the article: "I was married for 50 years," [Peggy] said, "to my second husband. I was an Army girl, married an Army guy who was lost in World War II. I went to Sweet Briar College (in Virginia) where I used to hunt foxes. I was an avid horsewoman and tennis player. I'm retired now...I just enjoy being with other people and I love the children." With five children, 17 grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren, her love of children is obvious.

## 1938

**President:** Janet MacFarlan Bergmann  
**Secretary:** Frances Bailey Brooke

As I write this spring is trying to break through but it's been a cold and snowy winter here in the Shenandoah Valley. Sad news reached me in January that **Pauline Womack Swan** died on 9/24/99. She and George were married 62 years—truly a handsome and devoted couple.

A Christmas letter with great pictures arrived from **Marge Thaden Davis**. Several trips with family and a Caribbean cruise during Hurricane Lenny made life fun and interesting.

She keeps busy with bridge, lay reading and ushering at St. Luke's in Somers, NJ. **Janet MacFarlan Bergmann** and Carl moved in Jan. to a house on Cape Cod, smaller than their former one and right on the beach. They hope to entice children and grands to come for more visits. Janet says they have "done nothing good or bad for a long time" but are still moving! Back surgery had **Jo Happ Willingham** recuperating after Christmas but she is looking forward to a trip to San Francisco after Easter to see her son Joe and family. Her other son John and daughter Helen live in Ga. John has a son named for Jo's husband Spain. She keeps in touch with **Molly Talcott Dodson** and **Margaret Weimer Shepherd**. **Mary Brown-Serman-Walke** is enjoying a watercolor class at William Hill Manor in Easton, Md. and goes to Raquette Lake in the summer. A Goethals grandson is engaged and another grandson and his wife had twin baby girls on 12/22. Everyone is thrilled! **Molly Talcott Dodson** is dealing with Grif's Alzheimers, which he has had for some time. He is being cared for nearby and she sees him every day. They have been married 59 years. The family are all very supportive. Molly and I ran into each other at a restaurant in Roanoke. Such a lovely surprise! **Isabelle Franke DeGraaf** writes from St. Petersburg, FL that she is now the proud great-grandmother of beautiful little Alyssa. Two college graduates and one h. s. graduate keep her busy. She enjoys Barnum and Bailey Circus, bridge and wonderful memories of SBC. Recollections of trips to Washington and Lee and Lexington make **Mary Ann Housel Carr** remember the fun times. Yes, Mary Ann, Lexington is still a "lovely little town" and a wonderful place to live. Mary Ann has been a widow for four years, but her family is close and they often gather at the Cape. Fergie is a near neighbor. She spends six months there and six months in Concord-Newbury Court Retirement Community. In 8/99 **Ida Todman Pierce** and her husband enjoyed a cruise around the British Isles, where they saw the tall ships racing. They stay busy in their retirement community in Richmond and love the relaxed life there. "**Fergie**" **Hill** really lives the good life, spending six months in Stuart, FL and six on Cape Cod where she sees **Janet Bergmann** and **Mary Ann Carr**. Fergie had a concussion last summer, but is recovering and getting back to golf and tennis. Like most of us, **Kate Sulzberger Levi** is alive and kicking, and edging into the 80's. Unfortunately, her husband is in an advanced stage of Alzheimers, but she has round-the-clock help and can get away to see children and grandchildren. Her grandson Ben Levi will start Yale in the fall and she hopes someone will look him up, as "he is an extremely nice guy." Know someone at Yale? A card from **Lucy Robb Winston Works** arrived last April—too late for inclusion in the Class Notes. She is fine



and enjoys hearing news of SB classmates. We must do lunch soon as she is just over the mountain in Charlottesville. **Vesta Murray Haselden** and I just missed each other when George and I were in Columbia briefly in August. Very disappointing, but, hopefully, another time. One of her grandsons is graduating from Davidson (President of the Student Body) and a granddaughter will soon finish h. s. and hopes to go to SB. A married granddaughter lives in Greenville. Vesta and Ed are well but not traveling. **Shirley Haywood Alexander** has moved to a cottage at Springmoor Court in Raleigh and enjoys bridge and frequent trips with her many friends. Her grandson Haywood Alexander is at UNC. Shirley and I had a wonderful luncheon visit in Chapel Hill last year when George and I were there for a meeting. **Marion Brown Snider** had 3 trips to the ER (a minor stroke, a head injury and a twisted leg) but she remains cheerful, saying, "The best thing I can say is that I'm a tough old bird!" Marion says she just may make it to our 65th!

George and I spent a week in Scotland last August—a wonderful Sweet Briar trip led by our very attractive President of the Alumnae Association Kathy Pegues and her husband John. **Kitty King Corbett Powell** was also in the group and we enjoyed some good times together. We took our two "children" and their spouses and had a lot of fun. Last week we left for a week in London and Paris, including a Eurostar Channel train ride and home on the Concorde—champagne and caviar and back to NY in 3 hours! I recommend it!

So many of us want to have a 65th Reunion-2003—so everyone stay well and we'll count on it.

Happy 2000 and whatever happened to our plan to meet in the bar of the Waldorf-Astoria on January 1 at noon? Did anybody go?

## 1940

**President: Blair Bunting Both**

**Secretary: Adelaide Boze Glascock**

Sad to report that several of our classmates passed away since our last letter—**Florence Merrill Pilkington**, **Mickie Mitchell Gillis** in April, **Connie Currie Fleming**, **Shirley Nalley Irving** in March and **Polly Poe Richmond** in June.

**Muriel Barrows Neall** saw a sweat-shirt and 2 jerseys with SBC logos at a thrift shop, bought them and gave them to **Peggy Cruickshank Dyer '37**. Muriel and her husband live in a small seaside village in ME where Muriel is Dock Master for 80-90 sailboats in the harbor. Pretty good at our advanced age, I should say! **Blair Bunting Both** continues working at hospice and particularly enjoys mentoring an 8-year old boy in Kennett Square Elementary School—third year with him. Blair and Rich rented a cottage in Cornwall, England in May and had a visit there from their AFS son. In July they flew to CO to visit their 2 grandchildren (12 and 8). Blair is hoping for a good turnout for our 60th in May 2000! **Dorothy Campbell O'Connor** sent a picture to prove she is a successful orchid grower and also a recipe for Lamb Stew with the proviso that if I bought the ingredients

she would make the stew! A little difficult since she lives on Long Island and I am in VA! **Helen Cornwell Jones** and Homer recently received the Distinguished Service Award from Warren Wilson College, a Presbyterian College on whose Board they both served.

**Emory Gill Williams** and Canky moved to a retirement community in Richmond, Cedarfield, but spend their summers in ME. The end of Nov. they fly to Singapore where they will board a sailing ship for Bangkok. She hopes to see a great group at Reunion! **Jane Westphalen Gray** and Everett are very proud of their granddaughter who is a lawyer with a firm in St. Louis and will be married by the time you read this.

**Georgia Herbert Hart** had an exciting 80th Birthday Celebration—a champagne breakfast at the Columbia (SC) Museum of Art in the Herbert-Hart Gallery hosted by her children and grandchildren. George Jr. and his family celebrated her birthday by taking her to Australia, and that eight-O birthday hasn't kept her from playing in golf tournaments. **Betty Ivins Haskins** has also moved to a retirement community in Westwood MA where she used to live 40 years ago. She keeps in touch with Blair and **Ellie Snow Lea**. **Margaret Katterjohn McCollom** wrote that **Kay Hodge Soaper** is now living at Woodland Convalescent Home, 4088 Frame Rd., Newburgh, IN 47630 and would enjoy hearing from classmates. **Ruth Mealand Schwartz** and husband are still traveling around—mostly to family reunions, but also to states and areas new to them. When at home they are busy putting in a circle garden in their cul-de-sac with Ruth doing the horticultural design. **Mildred Moon Montague** continues to gather in the honors for Chattanooga activities—this time for 14 years of dedicated service to an organization she helped to establish—the T.C. Thompson Children's Foundation. Under her leadership, the foundation has raised approximately \$500,000 a year for the past 14 years. Mildred is now a great grandmother with the arrival of Ella Chapin Montague. **Louise Pugh Worthing's** news is all travel—HI, AZ, China, South Korea, Hong Kong, Japan, Berlin to Prague on a river boat with stops in Dresden, Meissen and other spots. **Estelle Sinclair** is busy organizing data for Who's Who of Women. A nice note from **Agnes Spencer Burke** describing a family get-together at Squam Lake—14 of them in one cottage. **Marion**

**Phinix Jones** who now lives in Pasadena went to Ireland with her daughter and son-in-law and 15-year old granddaughter on an Equitour. **Jane Bush Long** lost her charming husband after a long and happy life together. **Kitty Estes Johnston** and daughter visited **Cannie Lancaster Pasco** and Merrill recently here at Westminster-Canterbury. The Pascos keep the roads well traveled between Richmond and Bath County where they have a summer home filled with children, grandchildren (13) and great-grand (2). **Clara Call Frazier** and Bill have bought a house in Hanover County in the country to house not only their children and their families when they come to visit, but also furniture, pictures, etc. they can't place in their condo at Chatham Square in

Richmond. Clara tells a funny story about **Jane Hopkins Hanes** who lost her Sweet Briar ring and it turned up recently in her mother-in-law's garden! **Cynthia Noland Young** writes of the 7/16 arrival of her 8th granddaughter, Ellen Young, in Boulder CO. Just in from **Jackie Sexton Day** who goes to Vero Beach every spring from home in CA. She sees **Maggie Dowell Kearney** and **Marion Bush King** when there.

Jim and I spent September in Europe and I am leaving shortly on an Elderhostel trip to Santa Fe. Our new addition is Siegfrieda von Hoffsnogge, our 4th Dachshund—a real beauty and delight now that she has gotten past puppyhood! This is my swan song as class secretary. I have enjoyed keeping up with you ladies, and I hope my successor, whoever she may be, will find it interesting and enjoyable. See you at Reunion!

## 1943

**President: Clare Eager Matthai**

**Secretary: Catherine Parker Silverman**

Many thanks for your kind responses. The sad news first: **Anne Jacobs Pakradooni** lost her husband Dik on 8/8/99. He had accompanied her to all but one of our reunions and had become quite a fixture on these occasions. Our deepest sympathy! Anne is still carrying on her travel business—Floating Fantasy Tours. Daughter Virginia, (Gigi), who came to the 1998 reunion is her partner in Boston. A number of you expressed sadness over the death of **Elizabeth Weems** on 3/11/99 (reported in the Summer/Fall Alumnae News.)

**Corinne (Howell) Dale Nelson** visited the Sweet Briar campus last spring for the first time in 53 years and was pleased to find it as beautiful as ever. Her 46 year marriage to Andy Dale, a vascular surgeon who she met at SBC ended with his death of cancer in 1990 and she married Charles Nelson, a VMI graduate and attended his 60th reunion in May. She has four daughters: an Episcopal priest, a college professor, an environmental scientist and one with an MBA, as well as 14 grandchildren. **Nancy Pingree Drake (Ping)** writes from Portland, ME: "My life focuses on community interests and involvement. The kids' calendars including grandchildren, seem to have an effect on my schedule, I'm happy to say." A couple of highlights this past year—a fun week at Greenbrier with one family and then a week in London and at Wimbledon for the last 3 days of play. One more granddaughter has drifted South from NYC to graduate school of architecture at Univ. of Va. Ping hopes "the ever increasing number landing in Virginia and the Carolinas, will increase my chances of a revisit to SBC." **Annabelle Forsch Prager's** orchestra program continues to thrive and grow. "We now have two full symphonies, a symphonic band, three groups for beginners on various levels and chamber music for children of all ages and backgrounds." You can read about it in the winter Sweet Briar Alumnae magazine. She sees SB folk from time to time; **Pat Robineau McCulloch** going to England to visit her daughter who is married to a young Englishman. "I too will be in London briefly and then

Paris for the first time in many years—a treat I look forward to!" She also spoke to **Dodi Cheatham James** who said she was not swept away by the floods that hit the Carolinas. **Marguerite Hume** writes from Louisville: "Holding a number of volunteer jobs is almost unbelievably complex and interesting. I have lately heard from **Esther Jett Holland** and **Byrd Smith Hunter**, both getting along very well and busy with family (especially grandchildren). Although I have no children, I am very much involved with my brother's six grandchildren and so pleased that the oldest has entered the Univ. of Va. Her experiences there remind me of our freshman days in '39, when my room in Reid overlooked a beautiful wheat field!" **Anne McJunkin Briber (Junk)** and her husband Frank were very happy about their move to Cypress Village, a retirement community in Jacksonville. They enjoy the facilities and friends there. They've also joined a golf club and, she says, "continue to meet such nice people here and find it handy to be less than two miles from the Mayo clinic which has been our 'doctor' since it opened 10 years ago." **Esther Jett Holland** still remembers the great time we had at our 55th reunion. She and her family, all 15, had a fun family gathering at Virginia Beach over the 4th of July weekend. Now—she says on 9/23—the city of Franklin is still in dire straits... I've been concerned about **Kitty Doar Jones** but don't think her neighborhood was hard hit. The telephone exchange was submerged in the flooding so haven't been able to contact her. Greenville, NC, was also inundated, so Meade (granddaughter) is back home in Virginia Beach after a grueling drive. **Rozelia Hazard Potter (Posy)** says 1999 was a good year. "Had a treat in Sept. visiting a friend in Long Island and going to the U.S. Open." **Harriet Pullen Phillips** has moved to a "spacious apartment in a very nice retirement community" but "it was a hectic move as Orms (husband) was in the hospital for a broken hip and replacement so I had to do it all. Thank heaven the house sold in two days and I managed to get rid of a lot of 'stuff'. We are very glad to be here—nice people, lovely grounds and even a tiny garden!" **Barbara Prentiss Jones** had a call from **Kitty Doar Jones**, so glad she suffered no damage in Franklin VA from Floyd outside of no phone for two weeks. This past summer she visited her sister-in-law on Cape Cod and in early Sept. stayed in a camp the Hale family has rented for three generations. Otherwise fairly quiet. Did have a grand dinner with Annabelle when she was in New Haven for a Yale reunion in June." **Elizabeth Shepherd Scott (Shep)** has exciting news—her son and his wife have made her a grandmother for the first time. Shepherd McClosky Scott was born in 2/99. "She came to visit me for a week in August and I had a wonderful time. I can finally brag the way my classmates have for years! Everything else fine, I'm off to France in Oct." **Nancy Jameson Glass** had her first great grandchild, a baby girl, born last April in Colorado. Also she and husband Bob took the Amtrak to Fort Lauderdale, FL for a Glass family reunion. **Catherine Bracher Leggett**



(Skip) writes she was saddened to read about Weems in the Alumnae Magazine. Skip also had two cataract surgeries. She has usual old age complaints, which I guess we all share. She's pulling in her horns about traveling and quite content in Essex Meadows plus a sojourn each Feb. in AZ with family. **Brac Preston** called from Newport News VA to say that despite her advanced age she has suddenly become a grandmother and has been living with a niece and her 4 children (3 boys and 1 girl). She also said she had a nice visit to Princeton in late summer where she saw **Beth Dichman Smith**, her daughter and 2 grandchildren and also paid a visit to the undersigned. **Fayette McDowell Willett** writes: "Grandsons outgrowing us and certainly cannot help with homework. Still going to nursing home daily—then to an exercise class. Plan to escape briefly to Naples (FL) next month." **Claire Eager Matthai** had a good time in Baltimore at her 60th school reunion. She says she still does many of the same things as always, only slower and has put a little more emphasis on getting rid of "stuff." A pack-rat in the same large house for 46 years is an unfair burden on one's survivors? She thinks this area (upstate NY) has had the best weather in 1999 of anywhere—a mild winter and warm sunny summer. "Except for a brief trip to GA in early spring I've stayed to enjoy it." Good news from Ronald Adams, **Deborah Douglass Adams'** husband. He writes: "Although Debby suffered a profound stroke 12 years ago (and is not able to speak) she still continues to be at home with home health nursing care. We celebrated our 51st wedding anniversary 5/1/99. She very much enjoys her grandchildren with two of them in college. She also goes shopping often. We have a very full and busy life and we look forward to more." May all continue well. **Valerie Jones Materne** writes that except for failing eyesight her health is good. She says: "This year I went rock climbing in Norway and white water rafting in AK. I play tennis year round and golf in summer. Now have 4 grandchildren married and the youngest grandchild (of 12) is 15 months, so I enjoy all ages and am well cared for. One of my best friends is SBC '44 **Janet Chenery**—we worked at the local library together. **Brooks Barnes** is still living in the large family home in Plymouth, MA with her 13-year old Lhasa Apso dog. "What do I do? What all the rest of us do. Volunteer, pay bills, take care of house, visit cataract doctor, hearing aid technician, mammogram lady and go to church (and funerals!)" **Dorothy Campbell Maher** and her husband Jim moved to a retirement community near St. Louis, close to 4 of her children. "Except for heatwaves we are enjoying it. Added a pair of twins to my great grandchildren—born in FL the day Hurricane Floyd hit. Took a brief trip to TX and enjoyed visiting **Bonilee Key Garrett** and her husband Gavin." **Dodi Cheatham James** hopes to get to Paris next spring. She also took note of Betty Weems's passing. **Roselle Faulconer Scales** and her husband went on their first Caribbean Cruise along with their daughter Mary (1970) and her husband. During the summer they visited

friends in Squam Lake in NH and later joined family including all grandchildren on Pawley's Island SC for a week. They also took a bus tour to Bronson MO. Their twin granddaughters graduated from college, one from Davidson now working at the art museum in Columbia SC, the other from Rhodes College in Memphis and now doing graduate work. **Caroline Miller McClintock** and her husband both golf regularly and occasionally go on a golf vacation to NC mountains or SC beaches. They are involved in church, volunteer projects and keeping up with their 5 children and their families. She says she stays in touch with **Esther Jett Holland** and has for 55 years!

As for me, I continue work on my writing project and like so many of you, am struggling with the accumulation of "stuff" over the years. I enjoy my daughters and their children who live nearby. I see **Beth Dichman Smith** from time to time. She is swimming daily, plowing through family records and researching the gaps and also wrestling with "stuff." She also enjoys the proximity of her daughter and grandchildren now returned from London. Again, thanks to all of you. It was a pleasure to receive your postcards.

## 1946

**Presidents:** Bea Dingwell Loos, Ade Jones Voorhees  
**Secretary:** Mary (Polly) Vandeverter Saunders

I want to remind you that time is limited so I will have to "give it to you straight." Not as much fun but sacrifice we must! One more admonition: I am grateful to all of you who responded. However, in many cases, I can't read your handwriting. If there are any omissions that's why!

**Sue Criswell Bornschein** loves her gorgeous North Country in MI. They spent two months at their cabin on a lake with grandchildren. She also worked as a real estate agent in a condo in Harron Springs. **Lynn Hannah Crocker** and husband, Ken, love living in Saw Grass at Ponte Verde, FL. They are both serving as special advocates in child abuse cases. They are the eyes and ears of the judge whose time is limited. Their daughter Coni Crocker Betendahl and family live in Kennet Square, PA next door to Longwood Gardens. They love to visit there. They went to Russia last year. **Pat Groesbeck** from "Golden Gate Avenue" reports the birth of their 8th grandchild. The oldest just went to college. **Helen Graeff Ellerman** writes from Harrisonburg VA, that she and Ray are still making all kinds of candles for their shop. They both taught classes at the convention of the International Guild of Candle Artisans in Pittsburgh. He was gone March 30 through July 4 judging the auditions of the National Guild of Piano Teachers in CA. She and Frederic, her SPCA dog, were left holding the fort. Graeff finished 13 years in Luray at the U.M. Church. **Jimmie Thompson Robertson**, in Petersburg, VA, is enjoying peaceful times at her cabin on the James River. She told me to round up Wheats and Rosie and come for a visit! **Helen Murchison Lane** writes from Jacksonville that her summer was spent having all the grandchildren to their

cottage at Ponte Verde. "All the ice makers, washers, dryers, and dishwashers were going non stop." After all that the Lanes took a trip to Budapest, Prague and Berlin ending with a few days in New York. **Arie Jones Wittke** from Princeton finally retired from the Friends of the Library Newsletter. She was planning a trip to Switzerland, Germany, France, and the Low Countries. "I expect Anne Sinsheimer for a visit in October on her way to SB reunion workshop." Arie said the hurricane put the local waterworks under so they are boiling drinking water. **Candy Greene Satterfield** is a permanent resident of Norfolk and loves it. Liza (my daughter) and I stayed with Candy and son Jim at Virginia Beach in early July. Candy and her daughter, Caroline, went for R & R at Blowing Rock, NC. Her grandson, Jason, is living with her while attending Johnson and Wales University learning to be a chef. **Rosie Ashby Dashiell** and Dave have moved to a lovely apartment in Norfolk overlooking some of Norfolk's landmarks. The Dashiells and I had a lovely visit to Capon Springs in WV. A wonderful spot and excellent food. You should have seen our faces when we were fighting temptation when the dessert trolley rolled by. **Cholly Jones Bendall** made a pilgrimage to the Holy Land with her church—a memorable experience. She still works at the Piedmont Visitor's Center on 29 South and invites us to come by. **Catherine Smart Grier** and Joe do stop by en route to Lynchburg to see children. She sees **Polly Pollard Kline** when she visits her children in Richmond. "Hope we have a 55th reunion as I long to see some 'ole buddies' again." **Betty Lanier Parrish** lost her mother and is in the process of settling her estate and selling her home. "Hope to go to the Passion Play in May." **Margo Sibley Lewis** has had variety plus in her life. They traveled a lot early in the year: a River Boat trip down the Rhone (loved exploring Provence); Jan. in Naples, FL; Glacier Park and Canadian Rockies in July. "Then we spent July and August in hospital. R.B. had a triple bypass (worked fine—no problems) but developed bad infection in legs. He's home now doing well but we still go in every day to have legs treated. We're planning to be back in traveling mode by the end of the month." There are veteran travelers for you! **Polly Pollard Kline** had just returned from Atlanta where Avon's Breast Cancer walk took place. "We didn't walk (3 days, 60 miles) but our two daughters, granddaughters, niece and cousins did along with 2100 others. A very emotional experience when our daughter, Mary, came in with the survivor group." They had their annual family reunion at Sandbridge, VA., in July. **Betsy Gurley Hewson** writes from her home on Merrit Inland, FL (their paradise) that they took their usual leave of Florida in Aug. and drove North. They stopped at Calloway Gardens in GA and the Biltmore in Asheville. Homebound they visited **Anne Hill Edwards** and Grif in Portsmouth. Anne is taking a much deserved vacation to Amsterdam to visit close friends. They also visited with **Bea Dingwell** and Rick Loos in their lovely new home in Bethesda. The Looses celebrated their 50th wed-

ding anniversary at Skytop, PA with all their children and grandchildren. **Jean Love Albert** has celebrated many milestones. Daughter Ceci retired as a full Colonel from the Air Force after serving over 26 years. Jean and Jack went to his 50th anniversary since graduation from West Point. Son Mike was married in June to a lovely girl. In November she and Jack are planning a big 50th wedding anniversary celebration. **Browne Budd Poer** had her 2nd great grandchild in May. The whole family gathered at Myrtle Beach in Aug.—all four children, 8 grandchildren, 2 great grandchildren, 6 spouses, and several guests. The 2 month old great grandchild was the star of the week. (Polly: "It's a shame we have to be adorable, precious and darling to be the star!") **Eleanor Myers Cole** writes that they recently sold their wonderful Panama City Beach condo and the house they built 16 years ago on the golf course in Tallahassee. They are renovating an old house on Lake Jackson near their granddaughter and family. They are moving soon. Her husband Watt has had Parkinson's Disease for 14 years. **Sally Bubb Bruch** from Muncy, PA writes about their many travels: Switzerland; London; our friend's yacht cruising the Adriatic visiting Venice and the Dalmatian Coast; WY to the A-Bar-A Ranch for their 20th year of riding, fishing, and tennis. They plan to join their children and grandchildren at Vanderbilt Beach, FL. John's next thing is retirement! **Joan Berend Morse Gordon** mentions "all thriving." Here's why: "My daughter was married in May to David Dickinson, blonde, tall, handsome, and good humored—and he sews, cooks, and irons! Anne's first marriage at 49." Her son is composing music for a Broadway Millennium show based on Revelations. Her committee passed her on her MSS and she will officially get her MFA in creative non-fiction next April at Univ. of Pittsburgh. She and **Pat Thompson Bennett** (her freshman roommate at SBC) visit and travel together. She missed **Leila Fellner** and Tom Lenagh's 50th anniversary. Tom Gordon—a stepson—is translating Rilke and writing a screenplay. Rich—another stepson—will be heading a department at Medill Journalism School of Northwestern. His wife will be an editor at the Chicago Trib. ("All thriving!") Wow! **Wheats Young Call** attended a wee house party at Wrightsville Beach, NC, with **Mary Vinton Fleming**, **Sheila Jones Harris**, **Wistar Watts King**, **Lee Stevens Gravely** and **Sarah McDuffie Hardaway**. Guess what their main recreation was? Talking! Lee drove Wheats around Rocky Mt. to see the destruction of Hurricane Floyd. Wheats still plays a mean game of tennis!

I am sorry to report that **Jean Carter Telford** died October 7. Heaven will be a little more charming with Carter there. I also must tell you that Wistar's husband Jack died in February. My Bob died January 29 so we weren't far apart. This widowhood is hard. It's hard being me instead of us. Appreciate your husbands—just "love them to pieces"!



# 1947

**President:** Ginger Barron Summer  
**Secretary:** Carol Blanton McCord  
**Fund Agent:** Meredith Slane Person

From Sweet Briar in 1/00, Ann Marshall Whitley wrote, "Snowed all night, sunny now... gorgeous in the mountains! Who needs Colorado or Switzerland?" Ann is a consultant to the Amherst Co. Historical Museum, put up 8 exhibits for them in the past months. She also went to PA for a horse-drawn vehicle auction and spent the summer before finishing a booklet on Daisy Williams. She said Alex Marcoglou Tully has discovered she has talent for painting, has taken classes, sold some pictures. The first snow in 5 years in AR was Jane Warner Williams news, and being housebound 4 days. Last Fall Jane and a friend toured Hudson R. Valley homes, enjoyed New England foliage season, and spent two days in NYC "reliving old memories"—Grand Central (restoration), Central Park, the works. Husband Adrien is in failing health and in a nursing home; she's still selling real estate and enjoying her attractive (snapshot) family. She has 2 grandsons. Pat Hassler Schuber and Meredith Slane Person will be roommates again as they travel to Germany and Prague in May and June, '00. Pat sees Irving Brenizer Johnston often, as she lives nearby. She was looking forward to a visit with Sue Van Cleve Riehl and Bud on their way home from FL and also with Em Schuber Carr's husband, son, and grandchildren when they would be in Charlotte for the Circus. Sara Ann McMullen Lindsay continues active in historical homes and gardens. The governor of VA has appointed her to the Bd. of Regents of Gunstan Hall Plantation, built by George Mason, who wrote the First Bill of rights in the world, model for all the states as well as democratic nations. The house and 450 acres are historically active. In 2/00 she was to attend a forum in Williamsburg about Colonial Lifestyles. Last summer "Mopsy" Francis Burroughs and Sage visited Nancy Scurry Minter in Bellingham, WA en route home from an AK-Vancouver train ride. She says that Mary Lib Vick Thornhill continues her painting and in 12/99, had a baby girl added to her group of Grands. Mopsy and Sage have grandchild #7 on the way. They spend time in the Bahamas on their boat. Julia Holt Coyle's husband, George, (Chook) has continued his flying since "the war" and both Julia 2nd and her husband are twin-engine pilots. Now living in Fayette, LA, daughter Julia has lived in Syria, Venezuela, and Scotland. The day after Christmas they all flew "above the weather" to Cleveland and spent 3 hours with daughter Isabel and her family, also son Clay and his wife. In May, Julia and George go to Venice, FL for the fishing. Cordelia Lambert Stites "still loves CO—its wildflowers, its blizzards." On her way to "being a bionic woman with hip and knee replacement." Last fall they explored the canyons and byways of UT in their jeep. Their eldest son just retired to Durango, where all her family spent Christmas and New Years. Last year Ann Webb Moses and husband,

George had health problems but by Feb. he was recovering and she had thrown away her walker and cane. In 8/99 they were able to go to NH and celebrate—in a lakeside cottage—their 50th anniversary and a reunion of both their families. "I can't believe I've made it to 2000," Aimee Despland McGirt wrote. Last year she realized a lifelong desire to visit the Holy Land. Both her grandsons are leaving h.s., she's still teaching part-time. "Stu" McGuire Gilliam enjoyed seeing SBC while on a term on the Friends of the Library board. She recommends membership—the Friends provide support and gifts of books to improve the Library's collections. Nan Hart Stone and Billy spent two weeks at Elderhostels at two colleges in FL in 2/00, then cruised around the Iberian Peninsula. They find Elderhostels stimulating, fun and reasonable. Last Thanksgiving, "Munn" Munnerlyn Haverly, Rawson, their 5 sons and daughters and all 13 grandchildren spent the holiday at High Hampton Inn, NC. While there they had a meeting of the Mary E. Haverly Foundation which contributes to church and charitable causes. One of her older grandsons plays on a soccer team "that usually beats FL Gov. Jeb Bush's son!" Munn was going to a McCain meeting armed "with hard questions", as she's 100% for George Bush. She and Rawson are planning trips to Prague and by boat to Berlin, then in summer Rawson, daughter Jane and her 2 sons will see the Galapagos Is. Katie Street Sharp had a wonderful Christmas with all her family, including her 2-mo.-old great grandchild, who lives just down the road. Katie made 3 trips to Europe in '99—to an art Elderhostel in Paris, to England, Scotland, and Ireland for daughter and son-in-law's 25th anniversary and granddaughter's birthday, and finally, to Provence. Romance bloomed for Marna Bromberg Williams when, upon her return from a trip to Russia, having decided to live and travel alone and like it, she was met by one Dan Jones with a red rose and a proposal, they were wed in 11/99, and in the year 2000 will be travelling together! Having dealt with droughts and floods over the past years, Jackie Stillwell Clarke and David renamed their hilltop home "Withering Heights." She is no longer writing and directing plays, but still enjoys theatre. She has put her writing skills to work on her autobiography and up-dated genealogy for her grandchildren. We just missed Maria Tucker Bowerfind when she was in Baltimore for Thanksgiving '99, visiting her son, a dr. at Johns Hopkins, his wife, and new baby. Maria also has a daughter in Philadelphia, a grandson in Annapolis, and a family-friend who lives near me, so we hope to catch them next time. Saravette Royster Trotter and Eric took a 3-week trip to Tuscany with their daughter Olivette, stayed in a wonderful house travelling out each day. Then she returned home to find her dear friend "Birdhead," Margaret Ellen White Van Buren, had died. The Trotters are back into politics again, as a good friend is running for Governor. Evie White Spearman visited with "Bozzie" Shannon in Charlottesville where she lives at Westminster-Canterbury, in early Jan. Peggy Robertson

Christian and Nan Hart Stone drove over from Richmond for a day. Evie has been teaching her Adult Ed. class for 25 years, still selling real estate. She talked with Sara Bryan Glascock while in Lookout Mt. at Thanksgiving, also had a wonderful visit from Tim McKay Stewart last summer. She reported the sad news that Tim's beloved husband, Jack, had died. Sara Bryan Glascock started the year 2000 with a move to a doublewide condo; one of their sons and family are in their big house. Tops in family adventure: Meredith Slane Person's trip with Stanford U. to AK via catamaran and kayak. She spent Christmas evening with Pat Hassler Schuber, whose dinner party coincided with Meredith's return to Palm Beach. Ashley/"Sash" Hudgins Rice's oldest grandson graduates from H.S. home schooling in KS in spring; in June she and daughter Margaret, who lives in Charlottesville, are going to Provence. Jean Old enclosed a wonderful color photo of her and Shirley Levis, taken on their last trip together. Shirley died of a stroke last Oct., only a few days after a visit to Norfolk and Charlottesville with Jean. I know that I speak for us all in extending sympathy to the families and close friends of our classmates who have died since the last newsletter. In addition to those named above are Alice Reese Edens in May, and Elizabeth Gates Rogers. Their names will be read at the Reunion alumnae memorial service. Last year we repeated our usual pattern of summer at our house near Little Lake Sunapee, NH, with family gathering at the nearby Inn and a month in Sanibel, FL in winter. Eldest granddaughter is in her 4th of 5 yr. program at U.VA, two other grands entering college; another is a serious horsewoman. Mac is in poor health but still game. Over the past 5 or 6 years I have been writing my memories of special people, places and events for our progeny, have taken classes on autobiography writing to that end. I love all your cards and newsy letters, sorry to have to condense them: orders from HQ. Blessings on you all.

# 1949

**President:** Fritzie Duncombe Millard  
**Secretary:** Catherine "Bunny" Barnett Brown  
**Fund Agents:** Mr. Walter H. Brown, Mary Fran Brown Ballard

The famous class of 1949, as usual, came through with banners flying, 30 cards with news and events and opinions for my first go at being class secretary again. Let's see if I remember how to do it!!!

After our wonderful fiftieth reunion, the majority is in favor of having another mid-time get-together, preferably during the school year (so we can audit some classes) and probably in 2002 (so the newly expanded Elston Inn can accommodate all of us). Spring in VA is beautiful, so that might be a good time...perhaps April (though Stevie favors fall) 2002. More later but keep it in mind and send suggestions. My space is limited, so I will try to be brief and not recap news that was so wonderfully presented in our reunion yearbook. There was happy news from

Caroline Casey McGehee who was married 10/9/99 to Bohn C. Lindemann. Kitty Hart Belew and Betty Wellford Bennett, bridesmaids at Caroline's first wedding, attended. The couple honeymooned with a trip northward as far as VT, and she says they are "very happy!" With his 5 children and 7 grands plus her 3 children and 5 grands, they will have to put a big leaf in their holiday table! Caroline also had a trip in Aug. to Koblenz, Germany, for a meeting of The Miniature Book Society, attended by 52 members from 10 countries. Kitty says she had a great visit last summer in Woodstock with her daughter, son-in-law and two sons ages 3 1/2 and 5 months. Kay Bryan Edwards is "still laid up, with various disparities," but she would love for us to have a reunion in NC! Beth Gorter-Jansma, who surely added sparkle and international flair to reunion, votes for "as many reunions as fate will grant!" Ann Henderson Barnard wishes to thank all the Forty niners who were so supportive of our courtyard project, and she hopes that "Giving Us Wings" will provide a feather or two for generations down the line. Ann has just installed her latest creation, in Tucson; she and Yorke dote on their three grandchildren, one in Phoenix and two in MA, who they visit often between their own trips to exotic places and their frequent visits from Walter and me and others enjoying the AZ ambience. Mary Virginia Grigsby Mallett by now has a brand new, fully functioning right knee to carry her back to campus for our mini reunion! Frank and Ann Lane Jones, who didn't make reunion, are wintering in Siesta Key, plus other travels and family visits. Mac Towers Talman, one of the faithful Richmondites, says she had a visit from Sue Corning Mann (who was in town for a funeral) in August. Off the record, Mag says, Sue gets better looking every time she sees her and I concur! Don and Mary Fran Brown Ballard made a 4500-mile auto loop to MI and TX for their son's wedding and two family reunions last summer. Jim and Marilyn Hopkins Bamorough were among the wedding guests. Hurricane Opal, 4 years ago, destroyed the Destin, FL, condo of Ken and Ellen Ramsay Clark and they are finally getting it back in shape, while praying for no more Gulf hurricanes (many of us watch the weather reports with crossed fingers). Carter VanDeventer and Herbert Slatery also working on their vacation house at Hilton Head, while Liz Hancock and Paul Fritzsche are also dodging hurricanes in Ferdinand Beach, FL, a "vintage small town, where both Elderhostel and Smithsonian Tours bring groups." Mary Lewis Stevens Webb is another who has some exciting tales to tell of Charleston's near misses during the hurricane season. Now, she's watching out the window for Mel Gibson who's shooting a film in Charleston and using Tradd St. for several scenes. He's planning to tether a horse in Stevie's yard and she threatens mayhem if any "droppings" are left! By the way, among the many of you who returned cards with news, my roomies were not included!!! I guess they expect me to do all their work for them! I do know Alice and Patsy had a fine trip to Scot-



land and the Cotswolds with a Hollins group last summer, and Stevie enjoyed her usual vacation in Canuga. **Judy Easley Mak** and Dayton summer—vacationed in Chautauqua again, a respite from her real estate work, and will escape the winter in Sanibel, FL in late Feb. **Larry Lawrence Simmons** and Charles are enjoying the “amazing time” they have found since retirement. They’ve traveled, domestically, to OH, NY, NC, CA and Las Vegas and abroad to Greece, Turkey and London for theatre. That sounds like “amazing energy” to me, and a very good suitcase! **Betty Dershuck Gay** is concentrating on golf and teaching art classes, in addition to her own art and exhibitions. A mini-reunion featuring actual classes and lectures gets her vote, too. **Ann Bush Train** says she’s down-sizing in December to a smaller domicile; 300 East Breckinridge, Macon, GA 31210. **Preston Hodges Hill** typed out a page and a half of news of family and travel (that pokey post card just doesn’t do it for some of us!), and seconded the mini-reunion proposal. She and Gene were away from home for about six months visiting children in the California Bay area and Bakersfield, followed by a family tour of Seattle, Vancouver and Victoria. They next helped their Martinson family move to Boston, followed by two busy months in Aspen. **Pat Brown Boyer** and Jean succeeded in getting off to Paris just before Hurricane Floyd hit the Orlando area, and just after casting her vote in favor of a mid-term gathering. Other classmates writing their encouragement of such a project included Class President, **Fritzie Duncombe Millard**, **Jean Taylor**, **Judy Baldwin Waxter**, **Marie Musgrove McCrone**, **Katie Cox Reynolds**, **Peggy Cromwell Taliaferro**, **Ann Eustis Weimer**, **Ruthie Garrett Preucel** and **Sally Melcher Jarvis** (she and John were just off to lead another group through their beloved Scotland). **Jackie Jacobs Leffers** wrote a lovely card praising reunion, which turned out to be the last trip for her with Jim, who died of a sudden stroke August 17. We send her our sympathy and condolences, as we do also to **Bertie Pew Baker** who lost David last spring.

## 1950

**President:** Mary Waller Berkeley Ferguson

**Vice-president:** Louise Moore

**Secretary:** Lola Steele Shepherd

**Fund Agent:** Mary Morris Gamble

**Booth**

“As long as I’m upright, I’ll travel,” proclaimed **Peachey Lillard Manning**, taking off for Egypt, Mexico, and Canada. In the same spirit, **Mary Dame Stubbs Broad** flew to NM, CO, Europe, Canada, not to mention visiting family in MD, VA, and NC. “The garden and house went to pot!” **Pat Owens Purvis** took her oldest grandson on her 2nd in the year visit to England and Wales after enjoying Garden Week in VA where she researched her VA roots. **Ann McNeer Blanken**, **Edith Tanner Broughton** and **Carolyn Tynes Cowan** met at the 8/99 SBC Alumnae College in Scotland. “Well planned and enjoyable!” Ann also attends the W&L Alumni college. **Ann Peyton Cooper**

was in Scotland, too, for her 50th reunion at St. Andrew’s. “Wonderful to see no big changes!” **Ann Green Pangels** and **Heinz** plan a trip to Europe centered around the Passion Play. Their two daughters live in Charlotte, one in real estate and another an occupational therapist. Another daughter is a doctor in Indianapolis. **Jean Probeck Wiant** and **Rich** and **Bev Benson Seamans** and **Don** will see the Passion play, too. Beforehand, Jean and Rich will cruise in the Caribbean and down the Danube. Jean is on the Board of the Cleveland Institute of Music. **Bev** is busy with her sculpture, the latest piece a life size Great Blue Heron about to take flight. “Both of us are healthy and physically active.” **Lou Moore**, now retired from her law practice, flew off to Central Europe and Ireland. She serves on the City Council—a voice for environmental beauty and historical preservation. **Cora Jane Morningstar Spiller** took the Alaskan Cruise, went to church every Sunday, lost 10 lbs. (3 times), and contemplates a face lift. She reports **Alicia Iznaga Mazzeo** is fine after her hip surgery. **Cora Jane** visits **Alicia** when taking her R&R in FL. **Helen Missires Lorenz** can compare notes on AK. Now retired from teaching, “tho still consults”, **Helen** is doing “serious cruising” First was the Panama Canal. Their youngest son married a woman from Mexico and lives on Balboa Island, CA. Believe it or not, **Bill Bailey Fritzinger** and **Fritz** left the farm to visit Lisbon. Had to be a birthday celebration. **Bonnie Loyd Crane** almost bumped into **B.G. Elmore Gilleland** in India and Nepal where she was on a Harvard Museum of Natural History tour and the Gillelands were looking at Mt. Everest from a small plane. **Bonnie** visits grandchildren in Germany and travels around the US to catch up with far-flung family. She presented her 4th Russian show in her Boston gallery, although American 19th C is her specialty. **Nancy Day McCommond** arrived for a visit with Friends of Art Board. **B.G.** sang her “swan song” as an escort for trips. Her France—bound group from a local art museum was fraught with problems. Non-payment by the tour operator, the plane had mechanical problems and they arrived in Paris minus their luggage. Here at home, they are on the road visiting children, to Nantucket and to Cape Cod. Destination Bangkok for **Jo Teeter Marder** and **Steve** where their daughter lives while her husband works for Booz, Allen and Hamilton. “Must see the twin grandsons, elephant riding was the best” My own destination was Paris to see our daughter whose husband is with Microsoft.

“What’s become of? Dept”—

Roommates **Ginny Page Love**, in LA, and **Larry Shepperd Concelmo**, in NJ, re-established contact after 50 yrs. **Ginny** and **Bill** travel and play golf and tennis. **Betty Hutchens McCaleb** never left Huntsville, AL. “Hot” earned a degree in History and English at U of AL in 1974, and taught school. Her husband suffered a series of strokes over 6 yrs., and died in 1997. Their daughter is an SBC graduate. “Hot” reports **Evie Woods Cox** is living in a nursing home in Birmingham. **Pat Hal-loran Salvadori** and **Mario** were in St.

Louis for a wedding and shared bread with **Mary Virginia Roberts Mellow** and **Jim**. The FL snowbirds: **Kay Leroy Wing** in Naples. “I keep saying I can’t be 70, but then saw my son as “Father of the Bride”. **Debbie Freeman Cooper** and **Newbie** stay several months in Vero Beach (John’s Island). Their last child married and lives on their 3rd floor in PA with 2 cats. Twelve people filled the house at Christmas. “Fun for a short time!” **Dolly Clark Rasmussen** and **John** pack their house at Christmas with family, then it’s R&R in FL. Modern medicine keeps them playing tennis and golf. Time out from service on the neighborhood assn. and Chevy Chase Women’s Republican Club for a Tauk tour to Turkey. **Carol Williams Feussner** winters in St. Petersburg then returns to the NJ shore where she has been a RE broker for 34 yrs. while volunteering at the Adult Community Center. She has 3 children and one grandson, a navigator in the Coast Guard at Cape Canaveral. **Ginger Luscombe Rogers**’s daughter and 2 yr old grandson moved back to Hudson, OH, from England. “Just 2 blocks away. Having a wonderful time with them?” Another daughter lives in Annapolis. **Ackie Easter Henderson** is staying at home with her “big happy family.” Her daughter and her son (11) have returned from England and live with **Ackie** in C’ville. Her son and his son (10) are also with her. **Mary Ellen Davis Gettel** is in her 27th “happy” year teaching Spanish at Marquette U. in Milwaukee. With friends from Casa Espanola at Stanford, she toured Mayan ruins in Belize. Her children, spouses and grandchildren celebrated her 70th birthday with a pig roast, pool and lake party. In Cincinnati, **Betty Todd Landen** and **Jake** gave a 100th birthday party for her mother (class of ‘23 SBC) who is looking forward to her 3rd century with “grace and enthusiasm.” Hurrah! **Henrietta Hill Hubbard** is “into computers.” Her eldest grandchild is a jr at U of AL, an honors student and prospective law student. Another grandchild is a freshman at Sewanee. She is now a golf enthusiast, has a personal trainer and has lost 12 lbs. July and August is spent in Highlands, NC. Still busy with Hospice and church. One son is at Trinity Episcopal Seminary in PA. The youngest is an attorney. **Susan Tucker Yankee** and **Dick** celebrated his 50th class reunion at W&L, off to France to visit WWII sites and then once again to attend W&L Alumni college. Their daughter and family moved to Atlanta—closer to Signal Mt. **Sally Bianchi Foster** and **Bob** relish life at Crane’s Mill, new friends and fresh experiences. **Sal** swims, oversaw the start-up of the library, and puts paint to canvas. Both are sports fans—soccer and baseball—and support the Playhouse. They plan a cruise on the Great Lakes in Sept. A son is a Philadelphia lawyer, daughter, **Kate**, plans a sabbatical year at Harvard and daughter, **Meg**, teaches French at a private school. **Edith Brooke Robertson**, **Jane Lewis Zollicoffer**, **Frances Martin Lindsay**, and I celebrated Y2K at a costume party in Norfolk. **Edith**’s new grandson will be amazed one day to see a photo of his granny dressed as the 1st female cadet at VMI.

Our deep sympathy goes to **Dottie**

**Barney Hoover** whose husband died after a long struggle with heart disease and to **Nancy Storey White**, whose husband died suddenly while they were touring Spain.

P.S. **Donna Wunderlich McCullough** has a new address in Nashville. **Pat Pauschert Price** is now in Oklahoma City and **Genevieve Hammel Greer** is in Hilton Head.

## 1952

**President:** Mary John Ford Gilchrist  
**Vice-President:** Frances Street Smith  
**Secretary:** Suzanne Bassewitz Mentzinger

**Patricia Ruppert Flanders** is home in Martha’s Vineyard, working part time and enjoying grandchildren and socializing. **Cornelia Dumas Herff** and **Augie** and their 3 grandsons had a great safari last July. **Charlotte Sneed Stifel** has a first grandson (born to third daughter **Any** in Denver) after having 4 granddaughters. She and **Hank** had a great bike trip in Norway. After a trip in 1998 to the Great Wall of China, Tibet, Nepal, Thailand and Malaysia **Patricia Beach Thompson** and **Calvin** were off with the entire family to the Isle of Palms in SC for the summer of ‘99. Pat says the magnificent scenery of the three gorges which you can see on the Yangtze will be forever altered by the enormous dam to be activated in 2009. **Polly Plumb deButts** continues her job as a licensed Washington area Tour Guide for Guide Service of D.C. She especially loves guiding senior citizens from all over the US. She has 11 grandchildren and husband **John Spaulding** has 8. Her volunteer work is with the Shenandoah National Park Assn. and she and **John** expect to be in AK in the Spring for the Iditrood. **Jane Russo Sheehan** still rides two horses 5 days a week and judges dressage. She says the horses still bring her great pleasure and help keep the “old bod” together. **Dick** is retired but keeps his interest in equine medicine and mentors vet students at Tufts Veterinary School. They have 3 grandchildren. **Carma Lindsay Burton** paints, golfs and keeps up with 10 grandchildren. She met with **Nancy Hamel Clark** and **Eulalie McFall Fenhagan** for lunch in Linville, NC and had a great visit there with **Katie Babcock Mountcastle** and **Ken**, too. **Jim Fenhagan** is now Chaplain to the House of Bishops (Episcopal Church) and **Eulalie** is on the Board of Hospice in Georgetown, SC. They spent July in Maine and Nova Scotia. **Nancy** and **Blake** both had recent surgery and **Nancy** was spending 3 weeks in the mountains of NC. Their daughter took a Masters degree at UVA and may return for her doctorate. **Millie O’Neal Palmer** writes from Oxfordshire that she and **David** are to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary and that she doesn’t even feel 50 years old. **Frances Street Smith** and **Gordon** had a trip to Rome and “boated” up the Italian Coast to Monte Carlo and then on to Paris. She talks to **Josie Sibold** who is busy making garden sculptures which I know are beautiful as she brought some to our 40th. **Nancy Laemmel Hartmann** is joyous over the birth of her first grandchild, **Hannah Anise**, as daughter **Katrina** has been career oriented all these years. **Janis Thomas**



Zeanah and her daughter (SBC '81) attended a luncheon in Birmingham urging them to help recruit students to our alma mater. **Jean Caldwell Marchant** writes from HI about hiking N. Italy and trips to Iceland and Greenland. She's still "horsing around a bit" though her favorite mount died at age 33 so it's mostly horseshow work and benefit efforts for the Humane Society. **Mary Boyd Ronald** and Pete live on Captiva Island in the winter and Louisville in the summer. She mentions that she will turn 70 in 2000, the year of their 50th wedding anniversary.

This would be a good place to remind everyone of our impending 100th Sweet Briar Anniversary in 2001; plans will be maturing all this year. At the same time, our class is looking forward to our BIG 50th reunion in 2002 and we (**Frances Street Smith, Mary John Gilchrist**, and I) need lots of ideas and attendance, if you can, at the fall College Council. Mary John asks that those who cannot come send their thoughts ahead so that we can plan a great time. **Ginge Sheaff Lidell** and **Kate Shaw Minton**, roommates again, also toured the Italian Lake District and Venice. **Leila Booth Morris** has compiled a community cookbook, never dreamed it could be so much work. Last spring she and Jim went to Tampa for a wonderful occasion, to pin the Colonel's eagles on their son Jim. Their daughter just moved back to Danville, VA and their oldest grandchild has entered James Madison U. in VA. **Anne Hoagland Kelsey** had a trip up the Danube and has traveled around the US, where she "stepped, literally, on **Linda Brackett's** toes while viewing the John Singer Sargent exhibit at the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston." **Nell Orand Beck** and Henry have 18 grandchildren between them and travel to see them; noteworthy, as well as **Ann Trumbore Ream** who reports the 1/99 birth of first grandson, Damian McKenzie Ray. **Mary Hanson** and Royce have moved back to MD to be closer to their grandchildren. Royce is Wilson H. Elkins Professor at the U. of Maryland, Baltimore County and Mary works two days a week with the Arts Council of Montgomery County. Their daughter is the Veterinarian for Ohio State Agriculture Research and Development Center at Wooster. **Brigitte Guttsadt** continues to travel in the US as well as to Berlin and Romania. **Gabrielle Maupin Bielenstein** and Hans took a long-planned trip to Egypt and the Middle East. A card from **Mary Lois Carroll** lauds **Joanne Holbrook Patton** as "the most wonderful and gracious hostess" she's ever met and I know many of us would agree. She and Hugh also visited **Grace Wallace Brown** and Brady in MA where they have converted an old quarry into a beautiful home with spectacular grounds. Joanne wrote of a planned trip to Germany in Dec. to be with daughter Helen after she has her new baby. Last fall she brought the farm harvest season to a close with an end-of-season Harvest Festival between trips to Boston to see George, mending at the rehab. hospital from having broken and replaced his "other" hip. A film for which son Ben was one of the producers was shown at the Venice Film Festival this year and another earlier

short film, *Stranded*, has been shown on PBS stations in New York, Washington and Boston. **Sue Judd Silcox** and Jack again took two grandchildren on a windjammer trip out of Camden, ME and had perfect weather and as much fun as they had the year before. They are settled in their new home where new plantings weathered the drought. **Ann Whittingham Smith's** son Peter was married in Sept. in an outdoor ceremony on the CT shore, on a beautiful weekend between hurricanes Dennis and Floyd. Bob and I are having a wonderful 4th year in Charlottesville enjoying all the art, music, lectures, that abound in this area. I have also finally joined the local Bar Association. We see **Anne Forster Dooley** and Jim as often as we can. My daughter Denise and husband, Martin Nager, were both admitted to the International College of Dentists and are practicing periodontists in Rhode Island, while my son has opened a laboratory for Dermatopathology in Hartford, CT.

On a sad note **Joanne Patton** reports a letter from **Donna Reese Godwin** that Donna's husband George has died. Our classmate, **Berta A. Russ Summerell** died in November 1998. I remember Berta Allen and myself poring over beautifully decorated rooms in the magazines, planning the wonderful homes we hoped to live in when we were married! Finally, **Vikki Schroeder** of the class of '87 has e-mailed that she is gathering a list of those who were in Paint and Patches for a celebration during the centennial. If you were, or know someone who was, please pass her name, class and e-mail to Vikki through the alumnae office.

Please mark your calendars for our 50th.

## 1953

**President:** Dale Hutter Harris

**Secretary:** Mary Ann Mellen Root

**Fund Agents:** Mary Kimball Grier,

**Eleanor Johnson Ashby**

First, last year's news from a few classmates who missed the deadline: In 4/98 **Midge Chase Powell** and Bill walked in a 25 mile Memorial March in NM to commemorate the Bataan Death March of 1942. Quite an experience. Midge still sells real estate. They have 6 grandchildren, all close by. **Ginny Hudson Toone** had a great grandson born 1/99. (Is he our first?) He already has his own web page. **Connie Werly Wakelee** and Dave moved to a one-floor condo in Guilford, easing Connie's back problems. Dave is still working hard, but sailing whenever he can. Their son moved back to Denver with Fed Ex, but the girls (and grandchildren) live much closer. This year's news starts with a down note. Our sympathy goes out to the families of **Janet Widau Harris** (1-09-00), **Susan Goodrich O'Connell** (1999), and **Ginny Dunlap Shelton** (10-24-99). Janet died in Chillicothe, OH. **Betty Moore Baker** reported Susan's passing in Flowery Branch, GA, where Susan had moved from CA next door to her son after the death of her husband from Alzheimer's the year before. Ginny died surrounded by friends while in San Miguel de Allende, Mexico. She and Tom had joined **Ginger Timmons Ludwick**, **Kirk Tucker Clark-**

**son**, **Liz Gibson Brooks**, **Katty Turner Mears**, **Polly Sloan Shoemaker**, **Caroline Moody Roberts**, **Betty Behler Stone**, **Isabel Grayson Parish** and their husbands for a mini-reunion. They all had a delightful first evening together. Next morning Ginny had a massive stroke at breakfast and died instantly, a great shock to all. Izzy's husband (a doctor) and Polly's husband (a lawyer) helped ease the legalities of death in a foreign land and they all helped Tom through this tragic situation. **Ginger Timmons Ludwick** and Dave traveled the globe this past year: Turkey, the Greek Isles, London, Tuscany and Mexico, plus the new millennium at Manele Bay on Lanai. Ginger is writing a book, *Hail Britannica*, and volunteering for the local garden club, arts center, and college science scholarship projects. **Kirk Tucker Clarkson** and Jack have the travel bug too. They went to India, Mexico, Bermuda, France, New Zealand and Australia, plus visited their children in Jacksonville. They've sailed their boat to FL and on the Chesapeake. When not at sea or overseas, Jack continues to work as a substitute judge and mediator. **Katty Turner Mears** is still active in the Garden Clubs of Virginia and America, plus helping in various preservation organizations. She also travels a lot. Her youngest daughter was married last April and her new son-in-law was recently elected to the Virginia Assembly. **Liz Gibson Brooks** and George saw *A Comedy of Errors* at the newly restored Globe Theater in London. **Isabel Grayson Parish** and Hav stayed closer to home (Pinehurst, NC) than usual this year just enjoying the area and Mah Jongg, bridge, golf, church and cultural activities. They had a house full of guests for the U.S. Open and had 'substitute doctor,' posts in GA, NC, and Poughkeepsie, NY. **June Arata Pickett** and Bob welcomed their fifth grandchild 7/99 in NJ. The others live in Denver. The Picketts plan a fall cruise from Athens to Monte Carlo plus hosting an SBC mini-reunion in Vero Beach in May. June heard from **Sallie Gayle Beck**, who loves her new life in Merida, Yucatan, Mexico. She lives downtown, but the beach is only a half-hour away. The people are very pleasant and helpful and her Spanish is improving. **Eddie Norman Wombwell** and George are building a new house in Carbondale, CO, 30 minutes from Aspen, but at a lower altitude, which should help George's asthma. He still skis and climbs mountains. Eddie snowshoes and walks. She works 2 days a week at the Aspen hospital and is learning a lot about physical therapy. They traveled to British Columbia and Greece, plus visiting their sons in TX, CA and, of course, Louisville. **Nancy McGinnis Whitehead** and her grandson moved to Brevard, NC in Dec. in time to have Christmas dinner with her eldest son farther up in the NC mountains. Having lived in CA for many years, Nancy was delighted with the big Jan. snowstorm. **Jane Collins Sjoberg** is playing "gypsy" while she rents out her home in Atherton, CA. She wrote from MD, where she was visiting her daughter. **Kay Amsden** acquired a new Yorkshire terrier puppy, "smart, adorable, and very spoiled." Kay is heading for FL in April. **Jane**

**Perry Liles** and George are taking their children and grandchildren to the Cayman Islands over spring break. Jane, Dale, June and Katzy all had granddaughters born in '99. Jane figures that makes four for the class of 2020. Katzy, Maggie and I had a great few days at the Liles house on Grandfather Mountain last Oct. while our husbands were sailing the Chesapeake. **Maggie Graves McClung** and David are taking the whole clan (14 in all) on a vacation cruise of the Greek Isles. They "did" London two years ago and had such fun they thought they'd try again. The McClungs spend a lot of time in their house and boat on Smith Mountain Lake. **Jane Dawson Mudwilder's** last son was married in '99. She spends her time in Louisville volunteering, playing bridge and watching the grandchildren grow. **Cinnie Moorhead McNair** and Norm took trips to Telluride, the SC coast, and Nashville. All their grandchildren (7 boys, 1 girl) visit them in San Antonio in the summers. Cinnie volunteers as a mentor and with a homeless shelter. Norm is semi-retired and works part time as a business manager for a non-profit center for religion and health. The last few years haven't been so good for **Eleanor Hirsch Baer**. Her mother died in '98 and her husband, Ben, in '99. Our sympathy, Eleanor. She travels to visit family from ME to FL to OK. Her youngest son is about to be married, and her fifth grandchild is due soon. It was good to hear from **Joan Dean (McCoy)**. After recovery from a broken back incurred in Patagonia, Chile, Joan was off to Egypt in Jan. and planning another visit to Italy in May. She works for Earth watch and for Habitat for Humanity. She's also a Patient Unit volunteer in local hospitals and a third grade tutor. One of her daughters works for EDS, another is a senior writer for Money Magazine, and the third teaches at the Univ. of Texas in Austin. **Kim Green Stone** and John are having a clan gathering at their NV ranch over Memorial Day for the christening of their first granddaughter (Class of 2021?). They have 5 grandsons. John was invited to lecture in Dublin in Oct. so he and Kim will take a "grand tour of Ireland" beforehand. **Kay Vennard LeBlanc** made two reunions in '99: Joe's 50th at Dartmouth and Kay's 50th at New Trier H.S. They cruised the Inside Passage to AK in July and toured Italy in Oct. **Ann Elliott Caskie** and Challen are meeting **Nan Locke Rosa** and Frank in Ireland in May. Then the Casbies will go on to England for their annual visit. A hip replacement kept Nan from our last reunion. She's fine now and looking forward to our 50th. She and Frank were in Italy in 3-99. The Rosas moved from their house of 35 years into a townhouse. **Tinka Cocke Tarver** moved into a new, very contemporary house in San Antonio, open and light-filled, perfect for her artwork and their art collection. After years of building large sculptures she has switched to something smaller, silver jewelry. All 3 of their children are in the film industry. Very creative folks. **Mary Kimball Grier** and Bos spent several weeks in the Caribbean. **Nancy McDonald** joined **Eleanor Johnson Ashby** and Garnett in the highlands of Scotland for 3 weeks. Then the Ashbys went on to London.



Their daughter and family are on sabbatical in Barcelona so Eleanor and Garnett visited them at Thanksgiving. **Jay Wells Rodgers** and Tom have children scattered from Boston to Chattanooga to Casa Grande, AZ. They united for a family vacation at The Cloisters on Sea Island last summer and plan to do it again this year. **Sally Wemple Codman's** husband passed away 6-99 after a long battle with leukemia. Our condolences, Sally. She has sold their home and moved into a condo nearer to her office in Bridgeport, CT. **Kitty Guerrant Fields** took her 4-year-old grandson (and his parents) to NYC to see The Lion King and other sights. Kitty is joining **Meri Hodges Major** ('54) on the Virginia Museum trip up the Hudson River in April. In May she is taking daughter Fran on the SBC trip down the Elbe from Potsdam to Prague. **Janet Hamilburg Churchill** is a lecturer at the Univ. of Delaware on aviation topics, a speaker at Vietnam veterans' reunions, the secretary of the New Castle, DE Lions Club, and has just published a new book: *Classified Secret—Controlling Airstrikes in the Clandestine War in Laos*. Congratulations, Janet. **Gloria Rawls Askew** attended her Big 50 h.s. reunion in New Orleans. She and her older daughter went to London and Paris where they "did" museums until they dropped. The family was all together in Houston for Christmas. Gloria and **Nan O'Keefe** meet for lunch monthly. Nan also went to her h.s. reunion in Westchester County, then on up to NH to see **Nancy Ord Jackson** and Art. She'll travel to Italy in May. **Patti Tighe Walden** went to HI in Dec. to visit her daughter and family. Patti's fifth grandchild is due in July. She sees **Jeanne Duff** quite often. **Patsy Phillips Brown** and Carlyle celebrated their 50th anniversary 6-00. They live on a lake in Forest, VA, near Lynchburg, and have all their children and grandchildren nearby. Those of us with progeny all over the map know how lucky they are. **Carolyn Smith** is a rare book librarian at Johns Hopkins. Sounds fascinating. **Katzy Bailey Nager** and C.J. welcomed their first granddaughter (after 4 grandsons) in 10-99. Son George is engaged. The Nagers had Thanksgiving with us on Hilton Head on their way to FL. **Joan Arey Harrison** and Chuck have a new abode in Wilmington, NC. **Dale Hutter Harris** and Ted spent Christmas in England with daughter Frances and her family. They were in Tucson "helping" after granddaughter, Julia, was born in Oct. to son Tim and his wife. Ted will head up a conference on the 500-Year Forest being held at Sweet Briar this May. **Janie (Janet) Martin Birney** and Scott have grandchildren in TX, MA and PA, so they travel from their home in Wellesley. Janie's mother died in Denver on Thanksgiving Day. She was 99. Our sympathy to the family. **Betty Moore Baker** and Rex are grandparents for the first time. Betty has fun communicating with **Kay Amsden** as they have similar haunts in MA, including the inn featured in Kay's book, "A Horse in the Ladies Room." Betty does board work for the Historic Bethlehem Partnership and Burnside Plantation, a historic 1743 farm. She also enjoys two AAUW book clubs. I belong to one down

here—a great way to go on learning. **Dolly Wallace Hartman** had a solo art show at the Cultural Center in Charleston which the newspaper called "a wonderful body of work from an exceptionally talented artist." But then, we've always known that. Aside from her own painting, Dolly also teaches a class weekly. As for 1999 with the Roots, we had a wonderful trip to the FL Keys with friends, went back to Cleveland for my 50th h.s. gala, visited our grandsons in Dallas, and spent Christmas in NYC with our daughter. In 1/00, our youngest son, David, opened a new restaurant, The Speak Easy Grill, in Bradenton, FL. If any of you travel that way, be sure to stop in. Thanks for writing.

*Editor's note: The Alumnae Office received the sad news that Mary Ann's husband, John Root, died on June 15, 2000.*

## 1955

**President:** Rebecca Faxon Knowles  
**Secretary:** Virginia (Ginger) Chamblin Greene

**Fund Agent:** Audrey Stoddard

We start on a sad note. I'm sorry to have to report that **Fritz Merriman Naylor's** husband Lester died in November, after a long illness. I know we all send our love and sympathy to Fritz.

And now, some good news: I told you last year that **Emily Hunter Slingluff's** son Craig was seriously ill. He is much better now, I'm happy to report; he is walking, jogging, windsurfing, and oh yes, working again. A wonderful recovery. I know we're all happy for Emily and her husband Craig. **Anne Lyn Harrell Welsh** has moved into a new home, and says the support of her daughters and friends has helped her through the past bad year. Other health problems (or their absence): **Mary Amanda McThenia Iodice** has had cataract surgery and can read without glasses for the first time in 60 years. She is enjoying grandchildren. I too have thrown away my glasses, thanks to bifocal contact lenses—what a great feeling.

Boy, do we travel a lot. I'll have to condense a bit here: **Susan Hayward Collins** went to Paris with the SBC Alumnae group. **Joan Kells Cook** visited England, Italy and San Francisco, and will go to her husband's reunion next summer. **Ruth Campbell Vanderpoel** reports 8 days on a Grand Canyon tour, and 3 grandchildren. **Betsy Stevens Sutton** and Bob went to Costa Rica, Colombia, Great Britain, Scandinavia, Russia and places in between. When they're not traveling they are organizing entertainment for the local Chamber of Commerce. **Jeanette Kennedy Hancock** and Jimmie traveled in Cornwall and Utah, quite a contrast. **Jane Dildy** and her husband took cruises from Santiago around Cape Horn to Buenos Aires, and to Acapulco, and will be cruising in the Southern Caribbean over New Year's. **Diane Johnson DeCamp** reports that driving a car in England visiting Antique Fairs is exciting. Her dog—a nervous type—recently ate the laundry room and a window, but is on Prozac now and both the dog and the house are much better. **Didi Stoddard** has

been walking and dining in Italy, and visiting **Tinker Beard** in Alabama. Tinker divides her time between MN and AL, with side trips visiting family and friends in IA, IL, MO and IN. **Mary Boyd Murray Trussell** and George went scuba diving in St. Lucia, Little Cayman and the Bahamas, with children and grandchildren along. They both find time to do volunteer work. **Frances Bell Shepherd** and Jimmy went to Turkey and the Black Sea, and to Jimmy's 50th VMI reunion; this year they were in the Cotswolds, and Frances reports recent marriages of a son and a daughter. **Betty Byrne Gill Ware** and Hudnall really got around—to France, NM, CO, Spain and S. America this year. My husband Art and I took a riverboat trip from St. Petersburg to Moscow and had fun. **Phyllis Herndon Brissenden** went birding again, this time to India and New Zealand. She also took in the opera in Santa Fe, and does volunteer work at home. Phyllis, bless her, sent an envelope full of marvelous vintage '55 mementos which you will all see in our scrapbook if you come to Reunion.

Some of us are still working and enjoying it. **Renis Siner Paton** is doing real estate work with her daughter Katie. **Patsy Smith Ticer** is running for another term as Virginia State Senator, and she and John found time to go to Maine and Canada. **Jane Feltus Welch** is still acting, most recently in a new play to be produced in Denver in Dec. **Catherine Cage Bruns** is very busy working on Glenwood Cemetery in TX with the Historic Preservation Alliance, and has been authorized to write a book about the cemetery. **Dede Crater Pearse** is hard at work establishing or directing several radio stations in AZ, and also volunteers at the Heard Museum.

A lot of us (me included) think retirement is great fun. **Georgia Knobloch Smith** and Phil play golf and bridge and enjoy their sons and grandsons. **Liz Rector Keener** does a lot of church-related needlework. **Camille Williams Yow** still enjoys working with the American Craft Council on her local craft show, and she and Lawson travel a bit. She has also been on wilderness horse and hiking trips. **Dede Harrison Austin** and Larry are doing over an old mountain house in NC; she is busy with the Colonial Dames, Garden Club, flower shows, and grandchildren. **Chase Lane Bruns** has a new grandson, and tells me of her other son's recent wedding which was distinguished by the bride's breaking her leg! **Peggy West Valentine** says she and Henry still enjoy their nearby 2 children and 9 grandchildren; she also gardens, volunteers at Children's Hospital, and has recently replaced tennis with golf and says it is quite a game. **Pat Tucker Turk** reports that she plays duplicate bridge, has a computer addiction, takes classes at the local college, and enjoys 3 children and 5 grandchildren. She and Maynard travel a bit, too. **Patty McClay Boggs** and Flip moved to GA after his retirement, and they visit back and forth with their 3 children as often as possible. **Charlotte Orr Moores** and Jon recently acquired their first granddaughter (after several grandsons) and she spends a lot of time babysitting. **Mary Boyd Murray**

**Trussell** and George continue to scuba dive, fly, enjoy their grandchildren, and do volunteer work with juvenile offenders. **Bexy Faxon Knowles**, **Sue Lawton Mobley**, **Mitzi Streit Halla** and **Honey Addington Passano** were all at SBC recently helping plan the Reunion Weekend. Mark your calendars now—May 12-14, 2000—and plan to BE THERE.

## 1956

**President:** Nancie Howe Entenmann  
**Secretaries:** Meredith Smythe Grider, Macie Clay Nichols

**Fund Agent:** Janet Monroe Schumann

Here we go again. The Millennium, Social Security and only one year until our 45th!! The distinctive feature of most of your notes is like an issue of TRAVEL and LEISURE. **Iris Potteiger Hinchman** travels to Dallas for visits with her grandchildren; Sanibel for family birthdays and winter getaway; with John to the Near East and Greece and will be at the Spoleto Festival in summer. **Nancie Howe Entenmann** was in NYC for the Westminster Dog Show with granddog. She enjoyed an Elderhostel in Russia, toured Provence later and will be off to Portugal in June.

**Nancy St. Clair Talley**, grandmother of grandsons only, toured gardens in Italy and England and heads to France in May. She writes for The Winchester Star, volunteers with the Virginia Historical Society and The Garden Club of Virginia. **Janet Monroe Schumann** helped raise over a billion dollars for Johns Hopkins Engineering School where she is Director of major gifts—that IS major! Her daughter and family (Jamie 3, and Sophie Grace 1) live in Barbados where son-in-law is building a golf course. **Parkise Carroll Mulholland** will resume retirement now that Jack has recovered from an Achilles Tendon rupture and shingles. Her golf passion is indulged in Baltimore, their Virginia Mountain getaway and Ft. Myers. Their 2 married children have 5 progeny and their single son is ever more eligible. **Betty Pierce Bradshaw** and Jack couldn't leave TX and all their family living there and are involved in work for their Church and the GOP, plus a Christian theatre group. Look for them in Sicily this summer. **Frances Gilbert Browne** had a great 1999 with the marriage of her youngest son, Paul, and the impending arrival of a 4th grandson. She has visited both Mimi Oppenheimer and Helen Wolfe. **Joan Broman Wright** has not unpacked all year! From a June mini-Princeton reunion in Aspen, they headed for the Canadian Rockies and Victoria; then, Scotland, Ireland, London; Dec. week for Jim's birthday at The Cloister, then Christmas in FL with daughter's family (2 tykes) and single son, Jim, a soccer coach at Davidson. **Marty Field Fite** hosted them in Vero Beach on the way home. **Ann Edgerton Mills** and Dick retired 5 years ago to Pinehurst where they enjoy the lifestyle. Their two children are Brad in Bala Cynwd, Pa. and Carey Poole in Tucker, Ga. with a total of 3 grandchildren. **Bet Forbes Rayburn** and **Ann Stevens Allen**, our own Thelma and Louise, left farming and grandchildren behind to tour a variety of horse events in FL—carriage to polo to Olympic training. Ann enjoyed a trip



to Milan with her daughter for the unveiling of da Vinci's horse and a concert at La Scala. Spain is planned for 2000. **Louisa Hunt** and Mac Coker felt the wrath of Hurricane Floyd in Franklin, Va. and are busy repairing and rebuilding. But they will take a break for a fall trip to France. **Peggy Pattillo Beckham** and Bob have all 4 children and grandchildren in Abilene now, but will be whale watching this spring. **Evelyn Christison Gregory** resides in Madison, NJ and thoroughly toured England with family and visited **Sally Hyde McMillin** in London. More family connections in Savannah for Christmas with son and mother, etc. **Carolyn Dickinson Tynes** sent an adorable photo of her namesake, daughter Cary's one year old. Bayard has retired and they enjoy 9 grandchildren. She is studying contemporary art. With **Rose Montgomery Johnston**, **Mary Ann Quarngesser**, she joined the SBC trip to Vienna. **Jane Black Clark** and David welcomed a new grandson (daughter Ashley) for a total of 4 boys and 5 girls. **Nancy Ettinger Minor** in Savannah survived the hurricane and Raleigh recovers from by-pass surgery. Both are retired and stay busy golfing, volunteering and returning to tennis. They missed winter by traveling to the Caribbean and will go west for 2 months this summer. **Marlene Etienne Engdahl** retires as Exec-Secretary to the Principal at Cheshire High and has bought a home in Bethel, ME in the White Mts. Her 4 children are scattered from Ann Arbor to NY to Boston but she hopes her 4 grandchildren will visit often. Her proudest achievement is working as president of a union to help women with their collective voices. **Betsy Meade Hastings** joins the retiree world, but is not idle! She's still copy-editing for *Walk Thru The Bible*, enjoys the SBC Living Room Learning class, garden club and raising a Golden Retriever puppy. Don writes his sixth book on Gardening, in the South. Their son, Chris, married last year and continues the family tradition in Southern horticulture. Don III, M.D. is in seminary and will become a medical missionary. So many of us felt the sudden loss of **Ella Prince-Trimmer Knox**, a most beloved and distinguished classmate. Each of us has our own warm memories of her and her friendship—she made a huge effort to attend our 40th—and she made each of us feel special. Joe was a perfect match for her intellect, wit and love of life and he will always be included in the Class of '56. Several classmates attended her funeral. **Mimi Thornton Oppenheimer** writes that a memorial fund has been set up in her memory: **The Ella-Prince Trimmer Knox Fund**, St. Catherine's School, 6001 Grove Ave., Richmond, Va. 23226.

I have given my fellow scribe, Meredith, the year off—it's been a sad one for her. Paul, after a brave battle with cancer died last summer, was buried overlooking Torch Lake, MI and left a large and loving family and friends. Daughters Sarah, Lisa and Meredith II were close throughout and Meredith has been an inspiration. She has a new house in MI for long summers and a condo in Sanibel for winter break. Exciting news is the March arrival of Lisa and Steve's twins, a boy

and a girl. They live here so Granny will be busy! The Nicholls have not retired yet—still enjoy selling both bonds and houses. We had a travel-intensive 1999 with trips to Peru/Ecuador/Galapagos, CA (twice), NC, Memphis, FL for Thanksgiving. The Homestead for New Year's and a month in Provence again. One week in France was just old girlfriends, the Yaya's. **Norma Davis Owen** came, but **Mishew Cooper Williams** had to cancel. Spent a few days with Norma and Penn and the casinos of Tunica, and another few with Mishew and Murray on their lovely boat in Ft. Myers. Our daughter and son both teach—she French in FL, he ESL in Louisville/Barcelona/ Sicily. So there you have it for this year!! It's great to hear from you, wish more would return the cards. Does anyone want the job????

## 1958

**President:** Lynn Prior Harrington

**Secretary:** Jane Shipman Kuntz

**Fund Agent:** Ethel Ogden Burwell

Once again it's time to catch up with the Class of '58. **Betty Gallo Skladal**, Anchorage, AK, has recovered from foot surgery. The Skladals spent 6 weeks away this summer, visiting Lynchburg as well as their sons and their families. Betty, who continues her singing, is nursing a broken wrist but doing some substitute teaching while George practices elder law. Texas news: **Sue Rosson Tejml** and Emil's daughter Tamara and her two sons moved in with them, Jan. '99, when Tamara's husband died suddenly. Sue and Tamara may go into law practice together in Dallas, concentrating on international adoptions. Fall of '98 Sue spent 2 weeks in a Romanian orphanage as a volunteer under the auspices of HUG, a Dallas-based NPO. It was a life-changing and affirming experience. **Betty Rae Sivalis Davis** and family are doing well in Midland. The Davises have 2 great bird and butterfly watching trips to New Zealand and Spain. **Jane Neighbors McAllister** and Tom love retirement in Alto, NM, a golfing community in the mountains. They went to Germany this fall. There's no retirement for **Annie Laurie Lanier Samuels**, Mansfield, LA. After a trial move to Belgium and Holland, she returned home to work for an investment broker and to be close to her family. She spent the summer recovering from a broken arm. **Lynn Crosby Gammill** and Stuart went to Ireland in Sept. and were thrilled finally to see *The Book of Kells*. This was after they spent much of '99 celebrating the George Washington Bicentennial through Mount Vernon. From Charlotte, NC, **Dana Dewey Woody** wrote that their son Jonathan will marry in March, 2000! **Cornelia Long Matson** enclosed, with her note, a handsome label designed by her, from Cornelia and Richard's vineyard, Chateau Le Cléret in France. She wrote that they were satisfied with their '98 vintage and that their special Cuvée *Cornelia* is aging in oak barrels. They enjoyed a trip to Paris and then to London to visit daughter Julia and husband and granddaughters aged 5, 3, & 1 yr. old. **Patty Williams Twohy** and Edward will visit

them in Osprey, FL for the Millennium celebration. They will spend the spring in France and return for son David's graduation from Bowman-Gray Medical School in May. **CeCe Dickson Banner** is working and traveling more than ever. Her daughter Jenny and husband have developed a premiere craft gallery, Mountain Laurel, in Berkeley Springs, WV where they also have a gift shop, coffee bar and restaurant. Daughter Becky, a veterinarian in Roswell, GA, married a fellow vet over Labor Day, during Hurricane Dennis. Son Larry is father of CeCe's only grandchild. From Bethesda, MD, **Peggy Jean Fossett Lodeesen** writes that she is back teaching Latin at Sidwell Friends; she spent 10 days in Rome in June and clocked 117 miles on a pedometer. Williamsburg, VA is home to **Ruth Frame Salzberg** where she and Bob retired to golf community, Kings Mill. Ruth is ready to publish her book—no hint of the subject. From Richmond, VA: **Eleanor Humphreys Schnabel** will receive her MA degree in December. Daughter Liza will be married in April 2000. Ellie (SBC 87) and husband are in Marblehead, MA. **Mary Johnson Campbell** saw **Mary Taylor Swing** and **Patty Sykes Treadwell** while in San Francisco; they share SBC club duties there. Mary and David's daughter Windy is to be married in May. **Patty Williams Twohy** and Edward have a grandson, courtesy of their daughter who lives in Cincinnati. Patty enjoyed being included in the St. Catherine's reunion dinner at **Tibby Moore Gardner's**. **Joan Nelson Bargamin** and husband Paul are still antiquing. They enjoy seeing Joan's junior year roommate **Carol McClave Duncan** and Don at the Duncans' farm in PA. The Bargamins do a lot of movie shoots, providing sets and scenery. Joan especially enjoys contact with movie stars—Miss Piggy and Richard Gere—to name two. Boothbay Harbor, ME, is where **Julie Booth Perry's** heart is now. She loves the beauty and history of Maine. Julie is doing zen gardening, quilting and silk-screening and is looking for a Maine Coon Cat to keep her company. **Lee Cooper van de Velde**, Philadelphia, joined **Claire Cannon Christopher**, **Jane Oxner Waring**, **Eleanor Cain Pope**, **Lanny Tuller Webster** and **Lynn Prior Harrington** for a mini-reunion in Natchez, visiting **Ethel Green Banta** ('55) in her beautiful, historic home. They were also graciously entertained by **Ruth Ellen Green Calhoun** ('57) in full costume. Coopie still travels for her executive search firm but manages to mix business and pleasure; husband Chris joined her for a weekend at the Christophers' spectacular mountain retreat. **Ina Hamilton Houck**, Chicago, graduated from McCormick Theological Seminary in June with a Doctor of Ministry in Pastoral Care. In June she and John spent an "incredible week" at an international conference in Ghana. Son Bob and his wife gave Ina her first grandson and son Donovan will be married in June, 2000. **Ethel Ogden Burwell** and Armistead, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI, are spending winter on the Gulf coast and visit their children and grandchildren whenever possible. Ethel raved about Alumnae Council and the plans for the impending SBC Centennial celebration. "The

College just gets better and better, and we can all be proud of our alma mater." Martha and Don Schenck with Katie, 10, Lauren, 8, and Cole, 3, came to the States from Namibia to spend a month with Eddie and me. We had a family reunion at Columbus Beach Club in MI. Martha's twin sister Lee Eckerman and son Scottie, 9, who survived the Clarksville tornado, spent a week with us and Anne also got up to be with her sisters. My mother **Martha McBroom Shipman** ('31) was there for a week as well. Eddie and I have been to CBC twice with only our dog Dinah for company. We also met Martha in DC in February when she came for training at the State Dept. for her new position as Community Liaison Officer. I continue to sing in our church choir and the Dayton Philharmonic chorus and to write feature articles for local papers. Many thanks for sending your news. It's not too early to think about our 45th reunion in 2003, the year of SBC's Bicentennial celebration!

## 1959

**President:** Alice Cary Farmer Brown

**Secretary:** Judy Nevins LeHardy

**Fund Agents:** Ann Young Bloom, Betsy Smith White

Fun getting your responses, especially those with words of encouragement for me! To answer a question about the Reunion last year—33 of us were there and we had a whole dorm to ourselves. Some hadn't been back in years—4 brought husbands. We left with happy memories of: hula lessons on the porch by **Ali Wood Thompson**—early morning tennis games—great weather for outdoor meals—wonderful food—chapel with Fleming's sermon and **Cookie Cook Carle's** solo—lots of laughter, talk, even some tears. The next one should be even better, so do try to come.

**Evelyn Moore Horton's** daughter, Rosalie moved to VA and has a free-lance film and video business. Husband Ham is running again for his 4th term in the NC senate. **Betsy Colwill Wieggers** and George are still living in Vail, CO and have bought a small apt. in NYC to escape the long winters. In Jan. **Ann Pegram Harris** hosted SBC Living-Room Learning—weekly lectures by local professors or experts on varied subjects, to SBC alums and pals. Husband Byron has been hospitalized 3 times this year—"they keep Returning to Sender." Their 7th grandchild is due soon. From **Isa Mary Lowe Ziegler**, news of the first engagement in the family—their daughter. An Elder-hostel trip to France was enjoyed by **Courtney Gibson Pelley** and Herb. They studied Americans in France. Their beach house at Emerald Isle still stands after being hit by 7 hurricanes in 3 years! **Linda Knickerbocker Ford's** medical problems are solved for the moment, and she is busy with the farm and being president of the Albemarle Garden Club in Charlottesville. An investment club keeps **Harriet Henderson Stubblefield** busy. Doing stock studies on the computer and reading the Wall street Journal and other business magazines are new to her, she says. **Vivian Butler Scott** writes that the gardens of their church in Montgomery will appear in *Fine Gardening* maga-



zine in 4/00. She and Jim created and have worked hard on the gardens. In Greensboro, NC **Kathleen Mather Koestler** is still teaching French at UNCG and has taken on the editorship of *International Poetry Review*. She does volunteer nursing once a week and looks forward to retirement from academe in 2-3 years. **Marge McCollum Tillman** and Fred retired from careers in education and moved to Santa Fe. They are building a house which overlooks the city and the mountains. On 2/12 **Susan Glass** was married to Dave Donelson, with all her children and grandchildren participating. The reception was a fund raiser for the Kirkland, WA Arts Center, and guests were asked to make a contribution—turning it into a “major event.” **Alice Cary Farmer Brown** writes that they spent Thanksgiving with their daughter and family in Charlottesville, Christmas in Telluride, CO with their youngest son and his family, and New Years in Southern CA with their older son, Tom and his family. “Blissful times with all 8 grandchildren!” **Vicki Meeks Blair-Smith** commutes between Dennis on Cape Cod and Cambridge, MA where she does genealogical research and berm gardening. On the Cape she is transforming her late mother-in-law’s formal “town” home into a family retreat. She is part time technical services librarian for the Dennis Public Library. Husband Hugh has recovered from his 11/98 heart attack. Daughter Caroline and her husband Andy teach Outward Bound in ME, and son, Robbie and his wife, Jill have a daughter, Amelia Jean, 1. From ME, **Rachel Bok Goldman** reports that she and Allen plan a trip in May “chasin’ Jason and the Golden Fleece” by ship in the Black Sea. All is well with **Judy Welton Sargent’s** daughter, Catherine. They are thankful for the successful treatments and answered prayer. Judy and John, along with their daughter, Susan, and “granddog” Dixie were headed for New Orleans for a Christmas celebration with Catherine. **Ann Eagles Carrell** retired after ten year working at Sons of the American Revolution. Son Bill III completed his 5th year practicing law. Ann and Bill visited New Orleans and Biloxi in Jan., and cruised up the Mississippi River. From **Meriwether Hagerty Rumrill**, news of two new family members, her Hungarian daughter in law, and an English son in law-to-be this June. At the Hungarian wedding the whole day was filled with music and they danced all night! Her oldest son is still in SD with her 2 grandchildren and another on the way, and her third son is at West Point. **Penny Fisher Duncklee** had a watercolor painting accepted to a national juried show, Arizona Aqueous XV, in Tubac, AZ. John has a new book out, *Genevieve of Tombstone*, “a good book about a strong woman.” They took a painting and writing trip to Costa Rica, and traveled to the east and west coasts to see children. A trip to Brazil last year for **Virginia Ramsey Crawford** and Mac. They spent 10 days on the Amazon River, toured Manaus, and went to see Iguassu Falls. Youngest daughter, Sarah was to be married on June 3. **Ali Wood Thompson** had 3 trips back from HI last year, and she and Travis toured Australia for 3 weeks.

She is still the leader of her Hawaiian (senior) “Plunkers” band, putting on shows for the nursing homes and hospitals. **Anne Wimbish Kasanin** and Mark planned a March voyage on the Wind Star from Costa Rica to Belize, through the Panama Canal. Both sons work with on-line advertising, one in CA and one in NYC. **Gay Hart Gaines** and Stanley celebrated their 40th anniversary with all their family at the Greenbrier in White Sulphur Springs, WV. They now have 3 married children, 7 grandchildren, and one single son, who is in NY. She works full time for Republican candidates across the country and is also the National Chairman of Reelect America, a 4-month bus tour of America’s State Capitals, focussing on the Founding Fathers’ principles. Our big news is the premature birth (3 months early) of identical twin boys to Ward, Jr. and Debbie in 6/99. Weighing just two pounds each they gave us a scare, but 8 months later they were thriving at 14 pounds. The oldest of our 9 grandchildren is a freshman at the Univ. of Central FL. Sorry I had to leave out some of your details and clever comments, due to the strict limit of 1000 words!

## 1961

**President:** Suzanne Seaman Berry  
**Secretary:** Elizabeth Hutchins Sharland  
**Fund Agent:** Margaret Wadman  
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Our Earth has spun serenely into a new millennium, and ‘61 continues to explore, accomplish and contribute. Most popular activity (15)—playing with grandchildren. Also, husbands retiring, bringing time to enjoy the tried and true activities, look for new fun. “My husband has retired and we are definitely learning new patterns of being together and enjoying our life” says one. **Julie Johnson Chapin**, NH apple farmer, breast cancer survivor after bone marrow transplant, climbs mountains, sails, enjoys 2 grands. **Maury Bethea Cain** relaxing, retired from BCBS. Harry, Williamsburg; Harry Jr. Atlanta; Elizabeth married ‘99, Chicago; Maury Jr., 4grands, Potomac MD. Parisian **Domi Siegler-Lathrop’s** “Secrets of Needlepoint” now available. **Fran Brackenridge Neumann** w/ Unitarians’ social justice, outreach; prez, “the Diggers,” Garden Clubs of America, so travels, enjoys Ernest’s fall retirement; sees **Enid Ballentine**. Joyfully retired **Bamby Iliff** plays bridge, helps shop supporting Children’s Hospital, and is travelling. Long silent **Sue Bell Davies** lost Gwynfor; 2 sons, 2 married daughters, 2 grands, retired teacher of hearing impaired; sponsors 10 Children developing world, travels to visit them; extends welcome to us Cardiff, Wales. Richmond, **Mary Denny Scott Wray** 3 new grands, 10 total, healthy. **Susie Prichard Pace** grandsits, tennis, admits some stiffness, “trying to unload my junk” W/Tub, sends love. **Anne Worboys Buske’s** Rachel, Cornell ‘99, working, next more school; Dana married “wonderful” fellow MIT grad student, Michael Schneider. **Janna Staley Fitzgerald** came; visited **Holly Chaikowski Davis**; enjoys working Irish import company; mentors girl long-term; on political campaign. **Louise Cobb Boggs**, John

scaling down work; also on political campaign, civic concerns; house on Chesapeake; 1 grand, 2 children, working on houses. From Madison, WI with “unique” winter, back to Richmond, **Judith Harris Cutting**, Tom, celebrated their 40th anniversary in Caribbean w/children, spouses, and grandson. **Sally Mathiasen Prince** runs 7 boutiques; 2 grands, both 1, DC area; says **Jill Bahson Carter** moves to Mass. **Susan Cone Scott** is a massage therapist, teaches massage, on Board of AIDS-HIV Services Group, helping identify, educating, preventing; Alexandra’s CD “Styrofoam” for sale; Frederic works for Lotus, Austin TX “doing computer stuff I cannot comprehend.” She’s going through 60’s more lightly—lost 25 lbs. March saw board member **Lou Chapman Hoffman** welcome **Molly Haskell**, **Andrew Sarris** to speak at Tennessee Williams/New Orleans Literary Festival; Lou edits “Historic New Orleans Collection Quarterly.” Judge **Mimi Lucas Fleming**, **Celia Williams Dunn** know several friends, 60, working long days; Mimi’s trial judge on Juvenile Division; Mimi, husband, son, wife, 2grands England October, all rode London buses. Enthusiastic flower and veggie gardener **Simone Aubry** totally replaced both knees, separately, last year; hoped to heal enough visit Macchu Picchu, the Galapagos winter. **Bee Newman Thayer** worked for SBC at Oct. board meetings, reports lots of enthusiasm for college’s future in new millennium. Anticipated another grand, fun times with newly retired Brad, Jan. Finishing as Chairman of the Board of Directors, “retired” **Sara Finnegan Lycett** and Ike volunteer with Visitors’ Center, Walters Art Gallery, Woman’s Exchange, all in Baltimore; Ireland fall, Zimbabwe, Botswana, S Africa April; they have a grand time spoiling 7 flourishing grands, “then they go home!” New grandparents twice, Lennart and **Willia Fales Eckerberg** flew to Sweden, London, where Lennart, who lived there 60’s, showed her wide-ranging improvements, beautiful countryside, gorgeous churches, old palaces serving as government ministries or awaiting reclamation. Ed and **Margaret Storey Wasson** moved back to their old grammar school neighborhood; Andrew married wonderful long-time friend Margaret Davidson, San Antonio, Sept. **Annabelle Sweeney Aines**, Ann Thomas Lasater, Betsy Pearson Griffin and Anne Allen Symonds, guests. Her Winifred’s new full-time teacher. **Robin Wawro Bataillon’s** mind, body active, translating, golf, blissful with 2 grands. **Diane Stevens’** birthday, she was off Nepal, trekking between Sherpa villages, Darjeeling, Sikkim, Hong Kong, partly joined by Min Ho Kwaan. It’s back to Boston roots for new century. “New Life” opens May for **Linda MacArthur Hollis**, Bob, retiring from Pfizer Central Research, building house sunny hilltop, and babysitting son’s 2 daughters nearby; Feb. trip to Tanzania w/Jennifer, son-in-law. Fall ‘99, their 3 kids, 2 wives, 2 grands celebrated **Janie Arensberg Thompson**, Harry’s 35th anniversary in Bermuda “great” despite hurricane. Sawyer’s first birthday April. Nov. ‘99, **Celia Williams Dunn**, **Catherine Caldwell Cabaniss**, went with SBC Friends of Art to Paris. Celia Jr, In Tibet,

teaching English, Laurance Jr., radiologist, St. Vincent’s Hospital, wife live in Jacksonville. “Senior citizenship isn’t half bad” opines **Polly Chapman Herring**, watching Alice practice trick or treating. At Easter, new arrival Sallie will hunt Easter eggs. Polly sailed British Virgins Islands spring. ‘99 survived remodeling kitchen, Scotland October. Children close, prospering; new corgi is polite to cats, devoted to retriever. Inspired by **Sally Hamilton Staub Moore**, Tom’s in 2nd year retirement from bank. Daughter Dabney and husband Francisco Gomes opened their own architectural firm, Raleigh. They bought house Charlotte, spruced it up, added Tom’s working shop, moved fall. Disney World with son, wife, 2 grands Oct; next, Charleston with **Bamby**. June ‘99, Britain; toured Christmas markets in Germany, Austria Dec. ‘99, with friends. Last June, Jean Sharland seized last “Best of Beach Boys,” played it hours daily first week; continues sporadically. He’s preparing to recycle—changes, possibilities ahead. **Bette Hutchins Sharland** spends hours writing minutes, may get somewhat “wired.” Simple “mailgroups” forming <iroghall@clark.net> Email Bette! If you fear “spam,” will send yours separately. It’d be swell to see as many as possible at reunion May ‘01. Start planning—Virginia is beautiful in the spring, and so are we!

## 1962

**President:** Jocelyn Palmer Connors  
**Secretary:** Parry Ellice Adam  
**Fund Agent:** Adele Vogel Harrell

Thank you all for your contributions to the column. We are working toward more efficiency and welcome your input. Keeping connected, especially at our age, is great sport!

**Juliette Anthony** enjoyed seeing **Letitia Sanders** at the Bay Area SBC Luncheon in Dec. She is still involved with Sacramento for Clean Air and Clean Fuel and also saving the wetlands. “Life is good!” **Martha Baum Hartmann** still plays bluegrass music in S. Florida and is one of few women who play the 5-string banjo. She serves as a guardian ad litem in the Sarasota Co. Judicial System, a spin-off from her law practice in GA. Son Matthew graduated from Georgetown Law School and is working in San Francisco. Daughter Suzanne is in nursing school. **Patsey Carney Reed** checked in to say that 2 of her children are in San Francisco and 1 in Seattle. She survived her 60th without a flinch. **Anne Dismukes Shephard’s** daughter Morrie was married in CT in January. Daughter Sarah and husband live in Durham. Anne and her mother went on a S. Pacific trip on the QE2 in Feb. **Louise Durham Purvis** and John had a visit from their daughter and 2 children from CO. **Fontaine Hutter Minor** and Phil are coming in Aug. John was elected for the 2nd time (after a 15-yr gap) to the European Parliament, representing all of Scotland. He travels each week to Brussels and Strasbourg. New grandchild arrived Jan.2. **Fran Early** leads a busy “retirement” life, primarily serving with the Greater Boston Interfaith Organization. Their focus is on obtaining affordable housing. After spending 6 weeks on Martha’s Vineyard last



summer, her travels included Barbados as well as visiting friends and relatives around the country. **Elizabeth Farmer Owen** enjoys a happy, full life with 3 grandchildren and extensive travel which retirement affords. **Jean Gantl Nuzum** and Tom went to their new house on Squam Lake, NH, over New Year's leaving more snow in Chapel Hill. Christine is a reporter for Dow Jones in NYC. Henry graduated from Harvard and is an Olympic hopeful in rowing. Jean continues her private practice in psychotherapy as well as managing property. Tom works harder than ever at UNC Hospital Med. School. **Mig Garrity Sturr's** travel business provides an enviable schedule. She had a 3 weeks cruise to N. Z., Tasmania and Australia as well as trips to Belgium, Switzerland and the Dominican Republic. Everyone, including Dixon's family, was with her for Christmas. E-mail for travel tips: [migsturr@AOL.com](mailto:migsturr@AOL.com) **Brooke Hamilton MacKinnon** is retiring after 27 years of teaching. Daughter Katherine marries in Flagstaff in July. Brooke is looking forward to the carefree life. **Addie Kamke Cook's** daughter Adeline is married and living in Canandaigua, NY. Son Chris graduated from Cornell Veterinary School. Addie is teaching English at a local college as well as painting murals and McKenzie-style furniture, available on the internet. **Loti Kennedy Dunn** is still raising money for the Scholarship Fund of Alexandria VA as well as sculpting and painting. She and Stew have 6 grandchildren ages 7 mos. to 14. They are planning a trip across the US on the American version of the Orient Express. **Ann Cai Meredith Hilgeman's** son is a college senior majoring in English and Art. She spends most of her time with local politics, remodeling their 100-year-old house, and a bit of freelance copy editing. **Anne Parker Schmalz** is still involved in horticultural ed. and political activities in New Haven. She and Bob (on Bd. of Aldermen) moved across the street to a 2 family house, running a B&B. Paying guests leave when all their 4 children and grandchildren visit. They have also traveled to S. Africa, India, China and Turkey. Anne does people-to-people work with Global Volunteers. **Penny Powell Bowen** lives on Whidbey Is. in NW WA and volunteers with a WSU Extension program in environmental ed. Bob leads expeditions around the world which took them to NZ, Costa Rica, Iceland, Tahiti, Scotland and Tanzania. Added thrill is 10-mo old granddaughter. **Mary Jane Shroder Oliver** has abundant good news. She took a bike trip along the entire West side of Lake Champlain. Jasper was married in Oct. to Shelley Shreve (SBC '98). They live in Winchester where he teaches 5th grade and she is in admissions at Shenandoah U. Mary Jane still teaches art at Holy Cross School and is soprano soloist at St. Paul's Episcopal in Lynchburg. And then, in May she will marry James Hubbard, an Episcopal priest, and move to Runson, NJ. **Barbara Sublett Guthery** is busy running her company Hydro Processing, LLC in Austin Tx which converts municipal sludge to clean water, carbon dioxide, and sand or silt while generating electricity. She has two US patents granted. Daughter

Katie joined the company in '98 heading financial reporting and investor relations. Barbara serves on boards of the Texas Business School and the College of Pharmacy at U. of Texas. **Adele Vogel Harrell** reports the arrival of 4th grandchild on 2/5 in CT. Daughter Logan was married to John MacKethan on 10/16. Adele and Parker continue to work hard and play hard. The two geriatric Adams spend much time maintaining a very geriatric house while still happily working. First grandchild, daughter of Gladden '90, is a joy. Aubrey '89 continues running marathons for Memorial Sloan-Kettering. We attend them all, next stop Norway in July.

And lastly, it is with great sadness I report the passing of **Eve Pringle Boyd** in 10/99. We extend our sincere sympathy to her family.

## 1964

**Presidents:** Nancy Gillies and Claire Hughes Knapp

**Secretary:** Virginia deBuis

**Fund Agent:** Lee Huston Carroll

Your multimedia response was terrific! You told of great joy as well as sorrow, many of you losing a parent or changing your lives to care for one. To all of you, we send a hug and our heartfelt sympathy. And to all who celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary, 35 gold stars! (For your news in your own words, please browse our website: [www.sbpitch64.com](http://www.sbpitch64.com)) And now, **Anne Booth** has big news! She married Robert Hauser 10/3/98. She guesses she's a "late bloomer." A number of you enjoyed getting together. During a golfing trip to Scotland, **Sally Gump Berryman** and Doc enjoyed an evening in London with **Stuart Baldwin Osmond**. "She is so lovely! We're just so sad about her husband Andrew's death last spring!" **Vera LeCraw Caravaiillo** and Philippe had a reunion in Paris with **Susie Glasgow Brown** and Allen (after 34 years!). **Dottie Norris Schipper**, **Fran Hanahan** and **Caroline Keller Theus** got together for hikes on the trails around Caroline's house in Cashiers, LA. At our 40th reunion, Dottie says she is "going to make all three of my tall sons appear so as not to be outdone by **Margaret Street Wilson**!" **Donna VanArsdale Jones** reports that she and **Gail Rothrock Trozzo** and their spouses had a marvelous time over dinner in May. **Linda Overly Levengood** has a son at home in tenth grade and two in college, a daughter at Davidson and a son at the College of Santa Fe. **Wendy Thomas Melvin** enjoys tutoring and coaching, playing tennis and golf, and is also president of her community association. **Edi Lasher Birch** and husband Elton are enjoying their grandchildren, Mason and Sydney Katherine. Edi builds homes with Habitat for Humanity and tutors at an inner city school. **Marsh Metcalf Seymour** has retired and is in training as a docent at the Freer/Sackler Galleries (Smithsonian's Museum of Asian Art). She's painting, travelling, and a new grandmother. After teaching intensive Italian this summer, **Susie Jahn Mancini** is teaching two courses and looking for a vacation! While working as an insurance agent, **Barbara Little Chuko** vol-

unteers at Planned Lifetime Assistance Network (PLAN), a service organization for mentally and disabled persons whose families or caregivers can't provide care. **Gerry Bailey** went to Greece last fall for six weeks and now may teach French, or English in Greece. Meanwhile, she writes "blues" songs, sings, and is learning electric guitar. And we have news from our authors.

**Angie Whaley LeClerc** is director of libraries at The Citadel, in Charleston, SC. She has a new book from U. of SC Press (pub. date 2000) titled, *Between North and South: the Letters of Emily Wharton Sinkler, 1842-1865*. **Nancy Lynah Hood** has a new book, *Literary Oxford in Old Photographs* (pub. date 12/99) "It was great fun tracking down contemporary photographs of the haunts of Thomas Hardy, Oscar Wilde, Dylan Thomas...and all the locations for Brideshead Revisited." **Tappy Lynn** and husband are in Lynchburg at her mother's place or in New Haven working on a book for Yale's 300th anniversary on *Yale and New Haven's Architecture and Planning* or, in the spring, teaching at the U. of Miami. **Nancy Hall Green** and Holcombe continue to enjoy their home in Provence where they celebrated Holcombe's 60th birthday. Between trips, Nancy continues to work for Sweet Briar as a member of the Board and to chair The Lacoste School for the Arts in France. **Diane Hatch** is retiring from teaching in June (after 30 years) and looking forward to travelling to Turkey. **Libby Kopper Schollaert** has enjoyed "two weddings and a trip." Her son Chris married in September and daughter Stephanie married in May wearing Libby's wedding dress. Her trip took her to Senegal for five weeks to study African French literature. **Rosamond Sample Brown** continues to lobby the US Congress inside the beltway. **Genie Johnson Sigler** has been doing genealogical research for the Colonial Dames and plans to drive through Virginia and "meet" her ancestors, so to speak! **Kit Snow Laudati** enjoys her three children, two sons, one teaching and the other coaching, and a daughter in graduate school. **Betsy Pidgeon Parkinson** administers a small private foundation and is a Stephen Minister at her church. **Penny Writer Theis** became a grandmother, daughter Ginger graduated from law school, and son Tim was married in July. **Sheila Carroll Coopriders** and Chuck have moved to Fredericksburg, VA where Sheila is discerning her next place of ordained ministry. Her sister Kathryn (Kathy) '66, also an Episcopal priest, celebrated the marriage of Sheila's daughter, Kathryn, to Roger Gass. **Mollie Johnson Nelson** is planning to come back as an Italian in her next life. She made two trips to Italy this year and went on the SBC trip to Scotland in August with daughter Cynthia (and **Sheila Carroll Coopriders**). "It was well planned, very educational, and good company!" Son Alan has moved to Charlotte to further his acting ambitions and Cynthia is now at U.T. **Kitty Griffith** and Mike have bought a house in Stamford, CT where she is SE Supervisor at Stamford's public library.

**Grace Mary Oates** and Wally went to the Rhineland (Charlemagne's cathedral at Aachen a highlight) and then to

Norway. They flew into the Arctic Circle (to Tromsø) and then went by ship down Norway's coast, where they saw the Midnight Sun. **Claire Hughes Knapp** spent a day in Annapolis with the father of "Fiscal Federalism" and his wife, our own Grace Mary Garry Oates. The guestroom has been renamed in Claire's honor due to her frequent visits (no donations required).

**Tina Patterson Murray** is studying constantly for her Phd and teaching over 100 students at John Jay College.

**Leezee Scott Porter** spent the summer with her daughter Erin and family on Martha's Vineyard. Her furniture leasing company is 25 years old

([www.antiqueleasing.com](http://www.antiqueleasing.com)). **MC Elmore Harrell** has returned to public accounting and joined a Salisbury MD firm. **Allison Jennings McCance** had great fun coordinating volunteer activity for the Ryder Cup golf tournament in Boston. From Baltimore, **Susan Dwelle Baxter** and **Lee Huston Carroll** thought we looked wonderful at reunion and were handling our lives well. I agree! Keep in touch!

## 1965

**President:** Sarah Porter Boehmlier

**Secretary:** Harriet Wall Martin

**Fund Agent:** Jean Shaw Byrne

I hereby give up on correct verb tenses of deferred news, your irregular handwritings, and wanting to unearth more about your lives. I hear hints of discovery, pleasure, achievement, perplexity. Forthwith the captive 1000 words: **Mal Leslie Welch** married IBM chief pilot Bill Costa 1/99, remaining in Riverside CT for job commutes. As a sales development director for TIME, Mal has responsibility for the mature market and says, "We are a fascinating demographic!" Daughter Leslie, in Atlanta advertising, married her college sweetheart, a lawyer. Married son Robbie lives in Brooklyn Heights. **Leslie Smith** and husband Joe Goulden, married 21 years, live in DC. Leslie is a former lawyer. Her legal search company is 5 blocks from home. She sees other thriving classmates: **Janet West Garrett**, **Astrid Previtali Baillou**, **Molly Poole Wolfe**, **Polly Jose Earl**. Travelers **Brookie Patterson Mahlstadt** (Israel, Egypt, Kenya) is renovating her new San Diego house; **Traylor Rucker** (church trip to Italy to study St. Augustine and St. Francis) enjoyed **Anne Clark Mensini** on the SBC Salzburg trip. The end of a second marriage and the millennium brought important changes for **Sallie Mullins Thompson**. "Happy, healthy, and contented" in Houston, she is "still" working on her MBA while a self-employed consultant for business management and financial planning to small businesses. Daughter Kathryn, MBA Georgetown, is an analyst with the Office of Management and Budget overseeing legislation relating to Veteran Affairs and Federal Personnel. **Sally McCrady Hubbard** announces her family's survival of "its heavy-duty commitment" to the '99 Tanqueray American AIDS Rides, raising much money (thanks partly to many classmates). Sally crewed for CA and Washington DC; her daughter and son between them biked about 3000 miles. Son and his wife expect her first



grandchild in Houston. Sons of **Mary K. Lee McDonald** and John moved westward, John III to Seattle with Microsoft; Bryan to UC-Irvine for a Ph.D. in Social Ecology (and Sept. marriage in IA to Kate Merkel-Hess, Yale '99). Their parents remain in Richmond to toil in the real estate boom. **Judy Howe Behn** and Bob (Sanford Institute of Public Policy-Duke) split time between NC and RI; son Mark continues his MIT thesis, "modeling how the tectonic plates move beneath the ocean." **Laura Haskell Phinizy** reports a fast pace as "licensed" assistant (for "pick and shovel work") in husband Stewart's real estate business. Daughter Louise lives at home; married daughters Laura and Marian live in great places to visit: DC and St. Simons Island, GA. **Mary K. Pederson Kyger** and Ross enjoy his new ranch in South TX. She became grandmother to daughter Caroline Mitchell's March baby and groom's mother for son Chris Boone's April wedding; Ross IV is a student at Texas A&M. **Dabney Williams McCoy** anticipates grandmotherhood via law student son Chris, 27. Son Tim, 31, is a Richmond broker, and daughter Catherine, 21, is a Dean's Lister, UNC-Chapel Hill. **Sara-lynn McAfee Smith** and Hamp, Dodge City, KS residents, became '99 grandparents to Sierra LaShaye Martinez, via their daughter Laura. Son Robbie is a h.s. soph. **Sherry Bradford Christliff**, grandmother of 4 and art consultant in Baltimore, "still takes art courses." Children include a restaurant owner, stockbroker, banker, and employee of Stags Leap Cellars in Napa. Her husband is CEO of Investment Counselors of MD. **Linda Schwaab Hodges** remains on the farm, recently serving as dog-rescuer in the NC flood. Farm maintenance, teaching school, area arts/activities, and first grandchild, daughter Rebecca's baby, constitute diligent living (clearly no time to remove abundant dog hair in her car, which attached to my chic coat). Maybe son Marcus will return to NC from Tennessee as a family practitioner; daughter Samantha pursues her study of Japanese. **Kathleen Watson Taylor** relates daughter Anne's marriage to Rob Baxter. In Raleigh, NC Anne teaches preschool; Rob recruits for TechSystems. Son Carney has a Nephrology fellowship at Vanderbilt; Selden graduates from VMI with a civil engineering degree and graduate school plans. While husband Marshall considers retirement, Kathleen leads Bible studies and balances gardening, piano, and dealing with joint problems! **Belle Williams Smith** reports that Ph.D. daughter Elizabeth became "Mrs." 11/99 to Denis Rouselle in New Orleans (where she teaches at Xavier). At the wedding was Elizabeth's godmother, **Alice Haywood Robbins**, head of the upper O'Neal School in Southern Pines, NC. Daughter Mason continues with Sotheby's; son Ware III is at UVA. **Brenda Muhlinghaus Barger** continues her weekly newspaper column in Davidson. Son Jack (Feroni of Italy) and wife Rachel (The Parish School) work in Houston. Daughter Kate is "piggish, cowing, and chicken-ing" at NCSU Vet School. Emily keeps order in Hewitt-Atlanta, and son Sam is wowing the population of Santiago,

Chile. **Magda Salvesen**, NYC art historian, sent wonderful news about her projects to coincide with the '99 publication of her late husband's autobiography: *Jon Schuele: The Sound of Sleat: A Painter's Life*. In addition to numerous slide lectures and book talks, Magda directed "A Life in Painting," a video accompanying the SBC-organized exhibition "Jon Schuele: About the Sky." Following the SBC venue, the exhibition began an extensive national tour! Magda was alumna in residence at SBC 9/99. **Betsy Benoit Hoover** is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker at Denver's Samaritan Counseling Center, where she teaches classes and workshops. Husband George is chair of Architecture Dept. UCO and a practicing architect. Her daughter Melinda, already a UCLA law grad, is a third-year medical student at CU! Stepdaughters are Melinda, musician-composer in London, and Rani, hotel manager, Telluride, CO. Betsy lives successfully with Hepatitis C and is "doing well after surgery for breast cancer two years ago." Both my children, survivors of my erratic mothering, have graduate degrees, are splendidly married, are fixated on their pound-rescued animals, and will be kind to me when my husband transfers his countless activities to this "home office."

## 1967

**President: Judith Bensen Stigle**

**Secretary: Diane Dalton**

**Fund Agent: Sally Twedell Bagley**

Best wishes to **Emily Chenoweth**

**Steedman** who married her friend, Billy, in 9/25 in Rabun County, GA where they became reacquainted after 40 years. Emily's 3 daughters were attendants. Emily and Bill will divide time between GA and FL. **Peggy Pittman Patterson** is Dean of the Episcopal Cathedral in Wilmington DE and looks forward to a 3-month sabbatical in Santa Fe in spring. In April, she officiated at her daughter's wedding. **Lynn Lyle** survived hurricane Floyd and traveled to Jackson Hole, the Tetons and Yellowstone. In addition to elementary school counseling, she's taking swing dancing classes. **Mary Sabra Gillespie Monroe** continues teaching. Daughter, Anne, is a research assistant for Cornell Clinical Trials Unit in NYC, and Alison is teaching English while her husband is studying law at William and Mary. **Lynn Gullett Strazzini** hopes for a federal buyout/earlyout opportunity so she can stop commuting from Charlottesville to her FAA job and enjoy catching up on "home-type" projects. **Nancy McLean Parker** and Geoff live in Alexandria with a niece and assorted animals. Daughter, Purcell, had a son, Parker, born 2/27/99. Their other daughter, son and his wife all live in NYC. Nancy is an agent for Portrait Brokers of America. **Glory McRae Bowen** traveled with the Morris Conservatory Touring Choir to England, Wales and Ireland last summer. Daughter, Glo, is Assistant Director at NJ's Bickford Theatre. Son, Hardy, started at Vassar and T.J. is a hs freshman. Before leaving for a quick trip to Paris, **Carroll Randolph Barr** reports she had a busy summer in MI with teenagers and loves the changes at Blessed Sacrament

Huguenot. She's teaching journalism, coaching girls' tennis and doing development and alumni work. Mike is busy with real estate and golf. Michael Jr. is with Prudential Securities in NYC, and Angus is a freshman at Barton College. Carroll sees **Mary Bell Timberlake**. Wayte and their son's family at VA football games. Lou and **Sandi Hoag Ippolito** have been happily married for 32 years with 4 children and 2 grandchildren. Son, Rusty, received an Oscar for his computer art on *Titanic*. They now live on a 27-acre farm near the Appalachian Trail in VA. Their youngest is training her 5-yr. old hunter/jumper and showing horses. **Mellie Hickey Nelson** is busy at the Justice Department. Son, Gunner, who took his first steps at our 15th reunion, has started Weber State U in Ogden, UT. Mellie saw **Pat Neithold Hertzberg** and **Lynn Frazier Gas** who look wonderful. **Kim Waters Keriakos** sees Pat regularly at church where Kim and Van are very active. They took their 12-year old granddaughter to Greece and Turkey visiting Van's family and biblical and ancient sights. They welcomed a new granddaughter in Oct. **Baird Shinnerberger Bell** is still inspired each time she walks into the classroom to teach. She enjoys her garden and quilting. Bill has a consulting firm. Older son, David, graduated from UVA and is a first year resident at Walter Reed. Steve is doing AIDS research while considering biochemistry or filmmaking for graduate school. **Stephanie Ewalt Coleman's** eldest son was married in Richmond in August, her middle son is working for the Harrisonburg, VA paper and her youngest is doing well as a hs senior. Stephanie's back continues to give her problems in spite of surgery last summer and her husband recently broke his ankle, June 2000 will mark 30 years in VA public schools, 28 teaching kindergarten for **Molly Randolph**. She writes that 5 yr. olds have not significantly changed over the years, but our expectations of them have with a much more academic atmosphere. Paul and **Adele Laslie Kellman** are empty nesters with a senior at Kenyon College and daughter starting Northwestern. Adele is an actuary with ASA, a spin off from AT&T. As she and Paul think about retirement, or career #3, Adele would like a volunteer or paid position related to improving educational opportunities for those with fewer advantages. **Hallie Darby Smith** is off to England and Italy in part to continue her study of the Bloomsbury Group. **Judy Schlatter Fogle** is painting furniture for her new niece. Older son, an orthopedic resident at Emory U, is engaged to a medical student, and her younger son is with Sun-Trust and helping to start an e-commerce fund. Her blonde daughter is at UGA. **Vicky Baker** spent part of last summer at the East-West Center in Honolulu attending the program on Indian Culture and Society, and the rest in southeastern Africa: Mozambique, Swaziland, South Africa and Lesotho. She received a Rotary Teaching Scholarship to teach anthropology at the University of Colombo, Sri Lanka, for part of her sabbatical in 00-01. **Barbara Annan** completed her doctorate in Depth Psychology and has a private practice in AL. In June she went to

Turkey to document traditional Ottoman houses as part of a study to preserve historical architecture. **Ginny Carpenter Delgado** will remain in Madrid following the death of her husband, Rafael. While her son was at sea with the Spanish Navy, she and her daughter-in-law visited the US and Ginny caught up on 30 years of news with **Ann Denton Wells**. This year they all vacationed in CO with Ginny's sister. In Madrid, she keeps busy riding daily, swimming and seeing friends. **Ginny Stanley Douglas** and Bill have a wonderful new house with a big library for their books, a guest cottage, and large garden. Their daughter and son-in-law moved just 4 blocks away. **Patty Stetson Agnew** is running a sheep and cattle ranch in MT, raising money for cystic fibrosis research and head of Women of the Wild West, [www.womenofthewildwest.com](http://www.womenofthewildwest.com). Her youngest son is at Chapel Hill, and Patty visits NC frequently. **Julie Bodin Converse's** son, Mark, is getting married in Nov. in Nashville where he is a doctor at Vanderbilt. **Melissa Sanders Thomas** and **Barbie Tillman Kelley** will attend the wedding. Younger son, Chris, is in his final year of Law at UVA. Julie works in an interior design office, plays tennis, and takes exercise and art classes. **Barb Tillman Kelley** is in her 22nd year bringing art to Birmingham schoolchildren. She directs summer arts camps at the Museum of Art. Son, Trey and Carlton enjoy back packing in the Smokies. **Melissa Sanders Thomas** and Boyce spent 2 weeks in southern France receiving degrees from U of Wine in Suze-Le-Rousse. She is grandmother to James Hunt Thomas born 9/9 who is "obviously quite gifted." She and **Kay Trogdon Hightower** enjoy finding bargains at the Atlanta flea market. **Lindsay Smith Newsum** writes that **Sue Morck Perrin** celebrated her birthday at her Pawleys Island home with husband, Bill, **Page Monroe Renger**, Wes and **Sally Haskell Richardson**, **Randy Brown**, and Mac and Lindsay. David and **Gretchen Bullard Barber** visited Raleigh where daughter, Wray, made her debut. **Eleanor Crossley** is enjoying retirement, playing tennis and travel to Nova Scotia. She and Jim have a home in FL and sail in Tampa Bay. Bill and **Judy Hay Speary** are fully retired and when they are not sailing through the Caribbean, home is on 87 acres on top of a mountain in south central PA. They plan to stay in Trinidad through Carnival where Judy wants to play in the pan band again. They are grandparents of twin girls born in March. **Jill Berguido Gill** reports that water from her duck pond and heavy mulches of compost from their horses saved her garden during the summer drought. Bruce and Jill are empty nesters now that Tim is off to a good start at Drexel. Bruce was busy with the 9th Harriton Plantation Fair. **Anne Carr Bingham** graduated in May completing studies she started at SBC in '63. Now she's off to Wesleyan U in a masters program. She and Kim enjoy singing in the church choir and with the Anglican Singers. Son, Robert is a dancer and yoga teacher in NYC, and daughter Alexandra is the mother of 4. **Mary Cary Ambler** is a learning specialist at Convent of the Sacred Heart where



daughter Jacqueline is a senior. John is at UVA, CFO of the Student Government and representative of the Jefferson Society living in Room 7 West Lawn, where **Judy Powell Martin's** husband lived. **Judi Bensen Stigle** is playing golf—trying for another hole in one. She's President of Ladies Assoc and working 15 hours a week. Judi visited **Bonnie Blew Pierie** in Venice, FL and saw **Gracey Stoddard** and her family this summer. **Pam Ford Kelley** is busy with 4 editions of Rue de France catalog. Brendan has an ad agency in Boston. They enjoy sailing and racing. **Linda Fite** is on the "culture team" for her paper and interviewing artists like Chuck Mangione. Life after Marvel Comics finds Herb teaching art to 7 & 8 graders. They have 2 kids in college and one working on a career as a pop star. I'm busy with theater and SBC. Email [dbdalton@exccpc.com](mailto:dbdalton@exccpc.com), or drop a line. I'll give you the details that didn't fit in.

## 1968

**President:** Martha Bennett Pritchett  
**Secretary:** Lynne Gardner Detmer  
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Thanks to all who shared news. I wish the alumnae magazine had no space constraints! I am sorry to report the deaths of **Ruth (Coo) Prettyman Irvin** in 4/99, and **Andrea Walker Rice** in 1/00.

**Christina Bacchiani Schieffelin** still loves TX, especially the climate. She sees "wonderful" **Ann Peterson Griffin** every so often. **Barbara Baur Dunlap** and **Charlie** "look forward to catching up to the lifestyle of the rest of you" after their youngest, Molly, goes to Pepperdine next fall. Robin was married in '99; and **Hollywouds**, Holly's shoes and purses, are selling at Bergdorfs and around the country. **Lesley Bissell Hoopes** and Toby visited their daughter Elliott during her fall semester in Florence, Italy. Lesley took on a 2-year stint as Tour Director at the Metropolitan Museum. She's had some good visits with **Lynne Gardner Detmer** and **Janie Johnson Stanek**. **Andy Beerman Sonfield** continues as a Stephen minister and "loves her Community Bible Study" while also working at her furniture store 6 days a week. **Stephanie Bredin Speakman** was featured in our alumnae magazine in "The International Side of Sweet Briar," along with **Libby Harvey**. Besides being a grandmother, Stephanie is a freelance travel writer for *The New York Times*, writing several articles for their *Sophisticated Traveler* on adventures in Australia. Her latest describes her experiences aboard a training ship, a 16-sail barkentine. She also produced a documentary, *Ride to Snowy River*. She continues on SBC's Board of Directors. **Melinda Brown Everett** celebrates 10 years being breast cancer free. She and her husband, Vincent Klosk celebrated the Year 2000 in Santa Fe. Melinda changed jobs and is now the Media/PR Director for the New England Anti-Vivisection Society (NEAS), one of the country's oldest animal rights organizations. She feels "this is the work [she] was meant to do all along!" She gets together with **Phoebe Brunner Peacock** several times a year.

**Phoebe** moved back into DC after her twin girls went away to college. She remains at the Library of Congress as the Main Reading Room Reference Librarian, and uses her Latin major as the Library's "recommending" (i.e. purchasing) officer for classics. **Courtney Cash Mustin** says, "I am so glad to be on the list of the Class of 1968, for that is where my heart is!" Courtney now has 3 transportation companies: TransLink Corp (mass transit), Gulfstream Limousine Co., and Metropolitan Taxicab Co. She spent Christmas at the Greenbrier in WV, "as far away as we can wander now." **Percy Clarke Gwinn** and **Michael** are building a detached "city home" (zero lot line) in Alexandria. The *Beehive* now has a Web site. Percy saw **Libby Harvey**, "who looks great, and is in love." Percy has also spent time with **Ann Peterson Griffin** in DC and TX, and with **Mariha Bennett Pritchett** in NC. **Katherine Cooley Maher** is retired for now, having left her job at St. Luke's 6/99. Son Colby is in his 2nd year of Neurosurgery residency, and son Alexander is a realtor in Jackson Hole, WY, specializing in fly fishing properties. **Cherry Dean Gallagher** and Dan have "moved to a new phase in life—new home, new setting on Amelia Island, FL, lots of adventurous travel and best of all: grandchildren" **Suzanne Edinger Boas** saw **Julie Siebels Northup** at a New Year's party. Julie is an associate with a large law firm in Atlanta. Suzanne and Rob are "enjoying our empty nest." Yours truly, **Lynne Gardner Detmer**, continues to enjoy family, her jewelry/craft business, singing with the Williamsburg Choral Guild, gardening, traveling (a cruise from Nice to Athens in 5/00, as well as a barge trip in France last summer), and friends. **Libby Harvey**, president and CEO of Alpha Chemical and Biotechnical Laboratories, was also in the alumnae magazine. Her latest e-mail says, "Alpha Labs was recently acquired by a fabulous high-tech international lab group (Eurofins Scientific) that specializes in analysis of food, beverages, and dietary supplements. In 4/00, John Fitzgerald (fiancé and partner in adventure) and I travel to Germany and France to visit sister Eurofins labs. I am the only female president in the entire network of 21 labs in the Eurofins Scientific Group, and I intend to make a difference! After a week of business, and a visit with **Sophie MacKenzie Belouet** in Paris, we will drive through the Bordeaux region to southern France for vacation, including a barge/bicycle tour along the Canal du Midi!" **Pembroke Herbert Kyle** reports, "I feel blessed with two sons in college, a loving husband and great friends. That balances the pain of aging parents, and friends whose courage in the face of adversity shows me how much I still have to learn." **Conover Hunt** continues to work nationally as a museum planner. **Lizzie Miller Green**, **Lorna Allen Sorley**, and **Suzanne Little Jones** came for a reunion weekend at her "beautiful spot at Caddo Lake" in northeast TX. **Jacky Israel Blakeslee** and Peter live in Hot Springs, AR. Jacky worked in a Center for Developmentally Delayed Children and Adults, but retired to become a full time grandmother of 3, traveling often to see

them, their 2 daughters and their son. **Jennie Lyons Fogarty** had wonderful times with **Ann Peterson Griffin** and **Celia Newburg Steingold** during the marriage of Jennie's daughter, Kate, 10/99. Her oldest daughter, Anne, marries in spring, 2000. **Pamela McConnell Ferrante** was married to Robert, a journalist and news producer, 9/99. **Pamela Browning Durrant** and **Kristin Kuhns Alex Andre** attended her wedding. Four of her essays came out in the book, *Living on the Margins: Women Writers on Breast Cancer*. She is editing a book, doing writing workshops, and some of her own writing. **Penny Oliver Hawkins** continues working at U.S. Bank, and the family enjoys their cabin near Yellowstone in the summer. **Ann Peterson Griffin** reports that **Jennie Lyons Fogarty** "is a great mom, and was a super MOB [mother of the bride] as well." **Catherine Porter** continues as a tax lawyer/ lobbyist in DC. Her husband, Jim Fuller, is a partner at Williams&Connolly. Their daughter, Terrell attends the Madeira School. **Jeannie Preston Jacobs** is "just glad to be alive after the Athens earthquake last Sept." She and Steve have traveled to The Netherlands, Paris, Mexico, Rhodes, and Istanbul where he demonstrates laparoscopic donor nephrectomies. Jeannie continues singing with the Baltimore Symphony Chorus and "stays busy" with the Symphony Associates' fundraisers. **Pembroke Reed Hoffmire** is very involved in her church and volunteers with battered women and children. She has "changed exercises from jogging to walking, from tennis to yoga." She still skis and loves gardening. Pembroke is taking continuing education courses at William & Mary. **Emmy Savage** moved to Chestertown on Maryland's Eastern Shore where she has a painting and teaching studio. She works part time in a chronic pain clinic in Dover, DE as a neuromuscular therapist. She says, "I love it here, and have made many friends who are artists." **Amy Thompson McCandless** and Peter are "both teaching in the honors and graduate programs as well as in the history dept. and are serving on more College committees and community boards than should be humanly possible." Amy's book, *The Past in the Present: The Higher Education of Women in the Twentieth-Century American South*, was published in '99. Amy goes again this summer to England where she will teach a class on Royal Britain. **Michal Twine** is working with clients in Boston, San Francisco, Vero Beach, and other spots, including some international. She tries to fit in some skiing, and plans a trip to Costa Rica in 3/00. **Suzanne Torgan Weston** reports no changes: "I'm still doing rocket flight software testing; Steve is renovating a 100-year-old house; and we are both still touring on BMW motorcycles." **Carol Vontz Miller** is enjoying supervising (instead of actually building) a new stone barn/guesthouse on their farm. She says, "Being a grandma is the best job I ever had!" **Connie Williams de Bordenave** and Tad plan to move into a smaller house with room for guests/family once their youngest goes to college next year. She is "transitioning from jewelry to two dimensional artwork, hoping to use it to help Tad in

his mission work around the world." **Betsy Wolfe** works full time for the Infant-Parent Program in the Dept. of Psychiatry at UCSF and loves it. Ed and she are "off to wherever the snow is good" whenever they can. **Marshallyn Yeargin-Allsopp** reports that she is still at CDC Atlanta, and Ralph is still in private practice as a clinical psychologist.

Keep the news flowing among you!

## 1970

**Presidents:** M.J. Hipp Brock & Katie McCardell Webb  
**Secretary:** Kate Schlech  
**Fund Agents:** Kathy Barnes Hendricks & Carey Cleveland Swan

Space limits tighter than ever—no room for wit, wisdom or creativity if I'm to include husbands and kids. Welcome to the many first-time writers! Not surprisingly, the biggest response came from the History buffs. **Betsy Edwards Anderson**, still in Charlotte, wistfully reports that 2 of her 3 nestlings have flown the coop to pursue careers, leaving just Caroline to finish h.s. Like many in our class, Betsy is also learning to care for an aging parent, her mother, who had a major stroke. **Jane Lewis Seaks** also checked in from NC where Terry is prof. emeritus at UNC-G'boro (and a museum volunteer) and Jane runs to keep up with Libby's scout troop. **Put Mundy Ebinger** was reorganized out of a job after 20 years as dean and prof. at Georgetown's Foreign Service School. Their loss, but while she's job hunting, Put and Charley have become traveling fools—Nantucket and drinking/hiking their way through Italy. **Bonnie Palmer McCloskey**, still in CO, is building a vacation home in Kauai in between running the family biz, serving on a plethora of boards and teaching an ethics seminar with Tom at Notre Dame. The 4 kids thrive (one post-grad, two in college, one prep, and tons of bills). **Pat Swinney Kauffman** is in her fifth year on the NY State Film Commission, Lloyd is filmmaking and writing, and the two youngest are still at home, dancing and piano-ing their way around NYC. Pat's oldest, Lily Hayes, has escaped to the heaven she calls Duke U. **Katy Lou Warren Towers** had fab trips to South Africa, Botswana, Zimbabwe, Israel, Jordan, and Quebec. She also got to visit with **Mary Jo Petree Murphy** at MJ's new Kiawah Island vacation abode. **Kitty Litchfield Seale's** two kids' new spouses meet with her approval. Kitty is still on the Bd of Regional Dance America and art director of her own troupe, Alabama Dance Theatre, whose success K directly attributes to her Aints and Asses career.

Much mail too from the Art Historians. **Page Kjellstrom** managed trips to Ireland, England and Italy, but still found time to buy a home and get caught up with **Sydney McCampbell Glass** (visiting Page on Nantucket), **Louise Bilbro Connell** (in NYC with Arab Banking Corp.), and **Lorie Harris Amass** (still consulting in special events planning). **Julie Northrup** was headed for Germany in Oct. to attend the Elite Hanoverian Auction (huuh?) in Verden. **Kathy Potterfield**, who manages Acute



Care Therapies at Charleston (WVA) Med. Ctr., tries to cope with the latest health care challenges, mainly financial. She cruised to AK and visited family in Holden Beach and Edisto. **Betty Rau Santandrea** still runs the senior center and Meals-on-Wheels in Pittsfield, NH. Good news—Bob got his MA and JD as a patent atty; bad news—his law firm is in NC, so Betty is expecting to relocate when the last of the litter, Matt, finishes h.s. in June. After 15 years, **Suzu Yates Cahill** still loves doing special events planning for Brandeis. She had a great weekend in Chapel Hill with **Betty Brewer Caughman** and sees **Katie Harris** now and again zipping through Boston on biz. (Their respective daughters are e-mail pals.)

Among the sociologists, **Candace Buker Chang** has survived a year of major renovation on a dilapidated Boston "triple decker" house she bought with 3 friends to convert into condos. Both kids have settled in VA. Candace saw both **Jo Shaw Robinson** and **Jane Gott** in 1999. **Fran Griffith Laserson** still loves Moodys and her fund-raising activities (with Steve) for Princeton and Brearly. Her daughter, Galen (wearing an SBC T-shirt) bumped into the daughter of another SBC'er (**Margaret Hayes**, '72) on a wilderness trip to WY. In VA, **Sue Holbrook Daly** is pulling back from full-time real estate so she has more time to travel with Skip and golf. Andrea is a Richmond CPA, and Stephanie is at W&L law. A big change for **Mimi Moore** who sold the farm, abandoned her cows and horses, and is building a home in the forest. Honest! Daphne's at Blair Acad. and Adam is a 7th grader.

Three of our mathematicians: **Betty Glass Smith** is sick of Y2K consulting and can't wait for 1999 to finish. Her brood is well, with the two chickadees still in the nest at a Richmond military school. **Fran Gravely** sent lots of largely illegible news, but near as I can tell, she and Haig are still building the replacement home for the one that burned down. Fran wrote more about the construction crew's idiosyncrasies than about Lee and Susan's college achievements. Fran also dines and trades e-mail jokes with another math major, **Kay Parham Picha**. In Houston, **Kathie Kraemer Quayle** and Wayne struggle to keep up with the 3 kids, Patrick at Rice, Lisa at USNA, and Jeffrey, a h.s. soph., all champion swimmers.

The foreign language mavens: **Kristin Herzog** (German) has a new job designing publications for U. of FL's biz school and hopes to get into web design. Of the two francophiles, **Debbie Jones** (whom I saw briefly in DC) and John bought property in ME to retire on the Union River Bay overlooking Mt. Desert Island when the time comes. **Kathy Barnes Hendricks'** famous never-finished log cabin passed various almost final inspections just in time for the garden to be photographed by a "national mag" before she starts tearing up the kitchen and guest room. Pete keeps busy in real estate law, while Kathy juggles the two boys' school activities. K sees **Corbin Kendig Rankin** and **Becky Mitchell Keister**, but also, sadly, reported that **Molly**

**Woltz Carrison's** mother passed away in October.

Little Hingham, MA news from **Kathy Cummings Catlin**, one of our dramatists, whose heart is at UVA with both sons. She sailed with **Elsa Jones Forter** and Rod on their gorgeous new boat and had mini-reunions with **Libby Tyree Taylor** and **Anne Millbank Mell** (both '71-ers). The other drama major, **Barbara Offutt Mathieson**, hiked the Inca Trail near Machu Picha and marveled at the monkeys in the Amazon Basin with daughter Anna-Rose and son Skye before they fledge. One of our gov't majors, **Liz Smith**, celebrated her b'day on the Riviera, Belgium and the Netherlands with **Holly Smith** ('71) and then came home to play "mom" to her 2 Old English sheepdogs. The other, **Tauna Urban Durand**, says the switch from teaching at a posh private school to urban St. Louis was hard but rewarding. Tauna tripped to HI in '99 with Doug and the boys, one recently married and the other a successful magician. Of the two English majors, I just missed seeing **Stuart Camblos Rodwell** (English) here in DC in Oct. She was helping her Mom tend to an ailing sister in the area, but en route had spent a lovely day at SBC (much damage to her credit card at the bookshop and to her waistline at the old Tommy's, now owned by an old h.s. chum of hers). Next stop was a gals-only Mexican spa followed by a visit to WY where Roy was checking on his new cattle ranch. **Sally Campbell** is glad to be home in ME after her CT sojourn. Four kids are dandy (two still in college). Sal casually mentioned she had open heart surgery (valve repair) last summer, but **Tracy Savage** came up with a pot of chicken soup to speed her successful recovery. **Heather Tully Click** (psychology) reports from Atlanta that Richard still flies for Delta while she continues as an RN. Amanda is at Rhodes Coll. in Memphis, and Ben, a h.s. soph., revels in having the bathroom and car radio to himself.

Couldn't find out what the members of the final group majored in, but I suspect it was "Life," and they're still at it. **Claudia Forman Pleasants** says all is well with her family. Of all the schools she's attended (George Mason, Johns Hopkins, UVA and VPI), her fondest memories are of SBC and she half hopes Casey (now 4), will wind up there. **Louise Hayman** is in Annapolis, feverishly working on MD's millennium bash (p.r., development, politics and sleight-of-hand activities). She saw **Kathy Barnes Hendricks** and son in Aug. and **Barbara Waters Larson** (who still directs Leadership Alabama) in Savannah in Sept. **Mary Kyger Norman** reports a new address in CA, from which I leapt to the conclusion that she is no longer at Vassar. **AnneAdare Wood** was just about as succinct, but had a good excuse (divorce in the works and waiting for that new exciting life to kick in). And in OKC, **Keith Brown Oehlert** is still sub. teaching, selling Worth clothes, and serving as prez of the county Medical Society Alliance.

Little of interest from yours truly (French major)—frequent biz travel (still DOJ-Antitrust) to really boring places; China for my 50th; Nova Scotia for Xmas with family; San Diego to

help my sis get resettled post-divorce and see my enchanting niece (now 10). Hope to see you all at our 30th. Keep the e-mails coming—  
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## 1971

**President: Jacque Penny**

**Secretary: Caroline Tuttle Murray**

**Fund Agent: Camilla Crocker Wodehouse**

A milestone year—turning 50 seems quite impossible! **Rhoda Allen Brooks** (Cincinnati) wrote, "Forget the millennium, the 50s are enough of a shock!" Daughter Lynn is working in Chicago and son John is finishing at Colorado. She continues to volunteer. **Mary Bell Parks** (Loveland, CO) has two children in college and a 5th grader. She is still battling metastatic breast cancer but continues to teach and has a new interest in opera. **Beryl Bergquist Farris** (Atlanta) is proud of her SBC freshman Kristin. She comments on the difficulty of SBC students' off-campus social life. **Kristi Bettendorf** (Mami) enters her 23<sup>rd</sup> year as an asst. state attorney. This year she explored the pyramids and tombs of the pharaohs; her son, 16, hit the highways; and her daughter became a teenager. **Carter Burns Cunningham** (Washington DC) has been retired for 2 years. One daughter starts Duke and the other is in 7<sup>th</sup> grade. **Kathy Crilley Fulmer** (Memphis) has the "same house, same husband, same dog," one child at W & L and one in 10<sup>th</sup> grade. **Dr. Betty Dusen** (Bellaire, TX) reports husband Al and son Andy are doing well. She now teaches geography at a private middle school which she finds "more engaging than providing psychotherapy." We're mighty proud of **Michela English** (Bethesda) who will be Chairman of the Board of Sweet Briar College. And also of **Kathy Garcia Pegues** (Warrenton, VA) who has one more year as President of the Alumnae Association. Kathy's daughter Emily finishes at SBC 5/00. Son Adam is a plebe at the Naval Academy. She and husband John hosted an alumnae trip to Scotland. **Liz Glassman** (Santa Fe) thinks 50 is great and "hopes to have 50 more in health and laughter." **Barbara Gracey Backer** (Delray Beach) reports life is "full of adventure and richness." Her full platter consists of John, 14, David, 12, and Katie, 10. She volunteers and works at husband Ron's insurance business. **Sioux Greenwald** (Hoboken) left financial services, is semi-retired, and has entered the "not-for-profit sector lifestyle." **Marilyn Kolb** (Lexington, MA) is "ready to cut lots of things loose." She is becoming an expert delegator and even orders groceries online. Husband Michael, at SAP America, is traveling too much. Her oldest is moving into teen years with a younger sister to follow. **Linda Hill Krensky's** (Potomac, NM) son married, her daughter is an artist in Chicago, two daughters are graduating from college, another son is a freshman at U of MD, and her youngest is in 6th grade. Art collector husband Steven has filled the walls and ceilings with paintings. **Mary Lyman Ray** (Columbia, MD) teaches 7th grade science and has a new hobby—golf! Her daughter

graduates from Vanderbilt. One son attends the local college, and another is a h. s. soph. We extend our sympathy to Mary for the loss of her mother last year. **Dr. Margaret Mae Mackie Saunders** (Markham, VA), practices neuroradiology, has returned to VA, remarried a local architect and built a new house. Son John graduates from Colgate in May. **Lynne Manov Sprinsky** (Montoursville, PA) acquired two basket hounds while recuperating from a broken ankle and emergency appendectomy. She says as a result, "she is now housebroken." Son Matt continues on the Deans List at Pennsylvania College of Technology where husband Bill teaches. **Sherrill Marks Byrd** (Charleston, MO) will travel to Cayman and Montego Bay this year. One son is a freshman at Sewanee and the other a 7th grader. **Margaret Mather Feldmeier's** (Syracuse) daughter Kate graduated from Davidson and is teaching in DC. Daughter Julie is a freshman at Brown. Husband Jake now has 4 plants around the country and Margaret continues to do work for Carlisle. **Anne Milhank Mell's** (Summit, NJ) daughter Meredith graduated from Bucknell and is now in Boston. Son John is at UVA. Daughter Caitlin is a h.s. soph. Anne enjoys working for a child/adolescent psychiatrist. I was pleased to receive news of **Meredith Mill**, who is listed in our class directory as "lost!" Meredith has a new husband, Bob Bidell, whom she's known for 33 years. She spent an evening with Jacque Penny as she returned from her honeymoon in the Caribbean. Jacque reports Meredith looks "22, beautiful, and very happy." **Liz Mumford Wilson** (Hyannis Port, MA) traveled to Scotland with son Sam, 11. She is busy with painting and a new puppy. Liz endured the week JFK, Jr. died with a media invasion of her neighborhood. Another new puppy "mom" is **Wendy Norton Brown** (Richmond) who claims to have no other exciting news. **Jacque Penny** is senior exec. secretary to a Greek admiral who is senior vice-president of Celebrity Fleet Operations. She encourages everyone to start planning now for our reunion next year! **Anne Shipper Oates'** (Rochester, NY) daughter Alison graduated from SBC in May and is employed by Pfizer. **Carol Remington Foglesong** (Maitland, FL) is running for Orange County Clerk of Courts and expects her son, a political fundraiser, to help her campaign. Her other son is a h.s. sr. Husband Richard's book on Disney will be published by Yale 1/01. She encourages everyone to visit the SBC website and post class notes there! **Trudy Slade McKnight** (Bellevue, WA), husband Rob, cats and dogs moved to Seattle in '98 where she facilitates courses for adults in transition. They welcomed the millennium at the earliest possible moment from New Zealand. **Alix Sommer Smith** (Fredericksburg, VA) married husband Gene 2/99, and built a new house. She met her new husband when she was at SBC. They took a honeymoon cruise in the Hawaiian Islands. **Lissy Stevenson Bryan** (Richmond, VA) enjoys their place in the VA mountains and reports she got a yellow lab and a grandson 2 years ago. She stays involved in planned parenthood and affordable housing. **Susan Schmidt** (Brevard, NC)



spent 2/00 as a writing fellow at the VA Center for the Creative Arts at Sweet Briar! She was reminded of "how much my one year at SBC taught me." She would love to teach at SBC when she finishes the book she is working on while on leave from Brevard College.

**Martha Stewart Crosland** (Bethesda, MD) works for the Department of Energy. She travels, but mainly to nuclear waste disposal sites! Daughter Mallory, now in London, graduated from Vanderbilt Phi Beta Kappa and was the first Vandy golfer to play in the NCAA's. Son Stewart will play lacrosse goalie as a freshman at Notre Dame.

**Elodie Taylor Thompson** (Monroe, VA) is a media specialist in Amherst and has taken up basket weaving and genealogy. Her children are working, but not completely away from home as yet. Thankfully, **Sally Uptegrove Lee** (Nashville) remains cancer free. Daughter Rachel is a junior at Trinity U in San Antonio. She and Bob are planning a summer cruise of N. European capitals.

**Ellen Weintraub** (Miami Beach) is pleased to be a "beach bunny" again, just like when she "unwisely baked herself atop Meta Glass." She served as president of the NYC SBC club for ten years and currently is an investment banker.

**Wendy Weiss Smith** (Durham, NC) viewed the summer eclipse from the French countryside. She and husband Gil will visit Peru soon. She enjoys teaching English to Japanese and Korean students.

**Frances Woltz Fennebresque's** (Charlotte, NC) son will graduate with an MBA from Columbia and work for First Boston in NY. Her daughter will graduate S/O1 from Columbia with an M.S.W. Another daughter is a junior at UNC-Chapel Hill and her youngest son is a soph. at Woodberry Forest. Her husband is a partner with a law firm headquartered in Richmond.

**Dr. Barb Wuehrmann** (Grand Rapids, MI) retired from full-time family practice and spent 3 months in AZ with husband Jim, a distribution planner. One of her stepsons is a doctor in Detroit and the other is in Cleveland starting his own internet company. I will have two children at UNC-Chapel Hill next year but thank goodness will still have Rick and the dog at home in Reidsville, NC. Looking forward to our reunion in 2001 and expect to see all of you there!

## 1973

**President:** Kathleen Cochran Schutze  
**Secretary:** Weezie Blakeslee Gilpin  
**Fund Agent:** Diane Dale Reiling

Sadly, our column begins with news of the death of **Nancy Richards Akers** last spring. Some of you may have seen the coverage of her murder by her estranged husband, Jeremy, who then killed himself. In so doing, he left their 3 children, Finney, 21, Zeb, 11, and Isabelle, 9, orphaned and stilled Nancy's voice as an author.

**Abigail Allen Rennekamp** has 3 daughters and one son ranging from 6th to 12th grade. In KY, she is single, working and enjoys tennis. **Barb Cain Hegarty** and John have joined adult soccer and softball teams. Melissa is 9; Ryan 13. Barb recently testified in a malpractice suit on behalf of the plain-

tiff. **Evie Carter Cowles** breeds and shows horses, flyfishes, serves on equine boards and takes tennis lessons. She and Reynolds have 3 grandchildren and his son was married last summer.

**Creigh Casey Krin's** and John's family includes Heather and Lindsay, h.s. seniors, and Bailey, a Golden Retriever. Lindsay was in Rome last summer performing with an opera company while Heather recuperated from knee surgery. Creigh teaches 5th grade, is District Test Coordinator and Coordinator of the Beginning Teacher Program. A mini-SBC reunion took place in the San Juan Islands with **Peggy Cheesewright Garner** and 9 yo Whitney, **Lisa Fowler Winslow** and 13 yo Suzanna, **Jane McFaddin** and **Betsie Meric Gambel** with sea-kayaking, hiking and whale watching galore. **Dede Conley's** year included travel, climbing Mt. Hood, wine selling and tasting and a visit with **Mary Danford**, Michael and their son in Portland, OR. **Rene Conover Reed's** daughter Melissa is looking at colleges including Hollins and SBC. Craig, 8th grade, loves lacrosse and girls. **Cary Davis King's** 3 (Marguerite, 15; Lucy, 13; Spencer, 12) keep her busy. Cary serves on their school board, gardens and is a painter-to-be. **Linda Lipscomb** came for a wonderful visit last summer. **Sue Dern Plank** is living outside Albany where David is a consultant with the Gordian Group. Elena's history teacher is **Deb Pigman**, '70. The Planks had a lovely 10-day trip to Portugal. **Christine Eng Leventhal's** new project is a pre-school creative movement class in addition to teaching ballet and fitness. Amy is first-year at UVM, Nick attends the Hyde School and Jon is a 7th grader. Peter teaches martial arts and is a nutritional consultant. **Susanne Garrison Hoder** saw **Kathy Upchurch** and **Nan Robertson Clarke** and says "they look terrific!" **Pascale Dutilleul's** son Damien spent 7 weeks with the Hoders last summer and went to camp with Frank, 13. Ross, 16, is looking at colleges. John's business is growing; Susanne volunteers at school, church and with the YMCA. **Robin Harmon O'Neill** writes that after 21 years of marriage, she and John are divorcing. Robin, in 7th grade, is fine and traveled to Provence with her mother last summer. **Jane McFaddin** and big Robin went to a painting workshop in ME run by an artist Robin worked with in France. **Chris Hegarty Savage's** son Clay is a h.s. senior; Brendan is in 9th grade. In Sept. Chris rose for the first time since college and, despite walking with difficulty for 3 days, said "it was great!" **Carter Heyward Morris** and Hampton celebrated their 26th anniversary. Heyward is a jr. at Vanderbilt; Wade a h.s. senior. Carter sees **Jennifer Ferguson**, **Blanchette Chappell** and **Robin O'Neill**. **Sara Hicks** is in her 20th year as a Marriage Family & Child counselor. She works with foster children removed from their homes because of abuse. Sara sends love to **Joan Eltonhead**, **Sandy Schwartz** and **Robin Roden**. **Susan Kirby Peacock**, Daniel, 11, and Marley, 10, explored Jamaica for 2 weeks and Susan spent a week on Cape Breton Island. Her pharmacy work, painting and gardening complete her life. **Linda Lipscomb** works on global marketing agreements and

alliances for American Airlines. Despite undergoing surgery for a ski injury, Linda is anticipating her first ski trip of the season. **Ann Major Gibb** teaches computer classes. David is looking at colleges; Emily is third year at UVA. **Lisa Marshall Chalmers'** portrait business keeps her busy while David is in commercial real estate in Atlanta. Marshall is a Foundation Fellow in UGA and Elizabeth is in 9th grade (she plays soccer with my niece!). **Jane McCutchen McFadden** and Barclay moved to Charleston SC and have 2 in college and one in boarding school. **Chris Mendel Prewitt** is attending Air War College and living in AL. Future plans are uncertain but they still own their home in MN. **Betsie Meric Gambel's** son Gregory is at Villanova Law School, Meric is a sr. at Jesuit HS, and Betsie is a PR Director at Logan Marketing. Her long distance hiking included a 150 mile ride in Oct. for MS. Betsie talks with **Lisa Slatten**, **Dessa Rutter** and **Magee Leigh**. **Sara Meyerdierts Hillgrove** loves Richmond, VA where she has started a new company having sold her old business. An Oct. trip to England will include a visit to **Michelle Brown Badcock**. **Karen Nielsen Grammaticas** and Andy celebrated their 25th in Europe with children, Peter and Katie. Katie is spending a semester at Edinburgh Univ. **Stephanie Paparozzi Williams** was asked to be the Huntsman for the High Country Hounds in Flagstaff, AZ. She is on the Political Planning Committee for the National Womens' Political Caucus which oversees the distribution of PAC money. **Kathy Pretzfelder Steele's** daughter Tracy is a soph at Notre Dame; Kelly is a h.s. jr. who swims, plays lacrosse and is in charge of homecoming this yr. Kathy had a nice surprise last winter when she ran into **Jennifer Wherry Putney**. **Cathy Rasmussen Rentzel** is in the internet/e-commerce world doing e-mail-based lead generation and customer relationship building. Kelly, 24, is at SMU Law School; Lynn, 21, is a sr. at Univ of OK; and Christie, 16, is driving. **Nan Robertson Clarke** reports that Boo is home from Dartmouth doing a semester's internship as a sportswriter for the Charlotte Observer. Toby, Charlie and Robbie are respectively a sr, jr. and soph. in h.s. Nan spoke with **Emily Garth Brown** during Hurricane Floyd. **Candy Sheffield Neilson's** oldest, Sarah, is a first year at Keene State in NH, the beginning of the empty nest. **Renee Sterling** continues to oversee a Smith Barney funded program for 4th-6th graders with the Dallas Opera. She is redoing her late mother's home in CA to use on weekends. After a recurrence of **Carol Stewart Harper's** breast cancer 2 years ago, her husband Doug retired from the Navy and middle-school teaching to spend time with Carol. Alison is a sr. at UVA and will go on to graduate school. Elizabeth is a h.s. jr. Carol hopes to see **Gypsy Bear Antwerp** in Charlottesville in November. **Jenny Ferguson Stockwell** has moved to Sacramento, CA. Sarah, 22, works in Boston; Ian, 19, is a Princeton soph; and Gillian, 16, is a hs jr. **Ginger Woodard Gast** and Paul's son Mike, 20, is a soph. at USNA where he plays hockey. Caroline, 18, is an AFS student in Switzerland learning French; Annel-

yse, 11, and Katie, 9, are in a Spanish immersion program in Fairfax, VA. Ginger continues to tutor reading. In Nov., **Debi Ziegler Hopkins** will have a "suite" reunion in New Orleans with **Jane Potts**, **Terry Christovich Gay**, and **Betsy Perry**. Debi works for an appellate court judge, is active in LA preservation and has 2 teenage boys. A mystery woman writes that she moved from NYC to Darien, CT where she is gardening and enjoying a quieter year than 1998. And I, **Weezie Blakeslee Gilpin** am working at Milton Academy again, this time as the Assistant Dean of Students for Campus Life, a hectic and varied job, a 2 block commute to replace the 40 mile round trip to Walnut Hill School. Alexa is a sr. at the College of Wooster; Blake a jr. at Yale and Christopher a sr. at Milton. Bob will be on leave from Milton this spring to put his Time Out business up on the web. Because of length restrictions, I will compile a more complete version of our classnotes. If interested, e-mail me at [Louise\\_Gilpin@Milton.edu](mailto:Louise_Gilpin@Milton.edu) and I will e-mail them as an attachment.

## 1974

**President:** Marcia Brandenburg Martinson

**Secretary:** Edie McRee Whiteman  
**Fund Agents:** Sandra Taylor, Mary Bush Norwood

Californian **Jan Renne Steffen** traveled with SBC to Scotland last year, is house remodeling, edits *Tall Club International*, and with husband Jim video-graphs weddings. Newly single **Andria Francis** ferries Ashleigh (14) to activities, still works at CTB/McGraw-Hill, and enjoyed a summer Barcelona-Lisbon cruise. With Benji (13), Gabby (10), Sofia (7) and her husband, **Julie Shuer** travels next July to Wimbledon, then to Israel for Benji's Bar Mitzvah. Our LA'er **Blaine Converse** avows "not much news," despite work on a Coen brothers film, *O Brother, Where Art Thou?*, starring George Clooney, John Goodman, Holly Hunter, and shooting Pepsi and Dr. Pepper commercials!

**Katy Amundson Boase** and two sons (10 & 13) moved from Dallas to Sacramento 7/99 for husband Ian's job as general counsel for Mercy Healthcare. Aunt Elizabeth Sprague, retired SBC biology professor, made a holiday visit. Still in OR, **Patty Shannon** has returned to riding, since Katie (13) and Scott (6) are in school, placing reserve champion in her first school show. **Susan Nagle Hesse**, Gil, and 3 children moved from FL to Ft. Collins, CO in '98. With Katie at CO State and Erin a senior, Susan manages a fabric/crafts store, while shepherding 9th-grader Lauren to ASA softball, and planning an African trip. She asks **Janine Ray** and **Tina Petersen** to call (970-204-1843). **Susan Stephens Geyer** reports travel to Crested Butte after Reunion, a Vail trip, and London-Paris-Edinburgh with oldest Stewart, now at UnivTx -while home remodeling. Fellow Texan **Sherrie Snead McLeRoy** wrote two books last year and researched in France. With Ann a first-grader, Sherrie is president of CASA and is arranging a Western Writers of American conference. Big news from **Laurie Epstein** who's met her "soulmate" in John



Dearlove; they're looking for a house! She hosted a fantasy Valentine's dinner at Bulgari Jewelers, where guests wore "jewelry from the vault." In OH **Mary Lee Burch Doering** teaches French and language at Village Academy, daughter Deanna's school. She and Dean, who's with Gold Dome Bank, plan a FL 5th anniversary trip. Despite the "rained out solar eclipse" **Chris Weiss Pfeil** reports that **Cathy Weiss Thompson** and her girls joined her for a family trip to France. They'll visit campus en route from Cathy's home in Winchester to see **Wendy Weiss Smith '71** in Durham. An artist who shows and sells landscapes in NY and OR galleries, **Cary Thorp Brown** has spent 20 years in New Rochelle with husband Tracy and Ben (16) and Fiona (12). Cary comes south when Fiona goes to Camp Allegheny, and hopes to reconnect with fellow artist **Ellie Plowden Boyd**. A painter and needlepointer, **Alethea Lee** expands her horizons with computer courses. **Marcia Brandenburg Martinson** spent 6/99 in China, touring Beijing and Xi'an. From Woods Hole **Nathalie Ward** published a children's book, *Do Sharks Ever...?*, is finishing dissertation research in the Caribbean, and her daughter **Hayes** is in Maui. **Robin Christian Ryan** was in town celebrating her parents' 50th anniversary with son Christian, first year at UVa. Jerry stayed home with Stuart, who broke a leg while skiing. **Tana Meier Parselli** still runs a Main St. program in New London, her son Dan's graduated from Wesleyan, her daughter entered Univ. Vermont, and the family went to Italy. Graduations also for **Bonnie Chronowski Brophy** - Christopher from UVa and her very athletic daughter Megs from 8th-grade, lots of travel and involvement with Catholic Women's Bible Study. **Penelope Lagakos Turak** hinted at "wonderful changes" for her and Gregory - let us hear more!

**Jane Hutcherson Frierson** joins me in the college "wait," as Laurence finishes EHS with **Elizabeth Andrews Watts'** daughter Betsy, who'll enter UVa, and Hattie Gruber (daughter of **Harriet Broughton '73**). We agree our record 25th reunion turnout was TERRIFIC and thanked Rip Rainey (**Lou Weston Rainey**) and Robert Nicol (**Barb Ashton Nicol**) for their chivalry. We see **Emory Furniss Maxwell** often, whose daughter Christie is the first '74 offspring to attend SBC! In DC, **Karin Lawson Look** has been appointed Deputy Assistant Secretary for Strategic and Technology Affairs in the State Dept.'s Arms Control Bureau. **Sally Rebentisch Randolph** says that **Sharon Mangus** and **Linda Kemper Couch** are golfing "partners in crime." She returned to the Reunion golf scene with Jane F., Emory, and **Anne Smith** last fall. Sally's daughter Elizabeth heads to UVa while David relishes h.s. E-commerce enters **Nancy Mortensen Piper's** life with Chris' new job at Eten-sity. Still with U.S. Rep. Jim Talent, a Missouri governor candidate, Nancy sees Sharon, "Kemper," **Cindy Conroy**, **Terry Lear**, and Sally R. They saw **Drea Peacock Bender** at **Debbie Hooker Sauers'** house when Drea's son Christopher (21) worked in D.C. during summer break from SMU, where he's the student newspaper editor. Drea volunteers at Scotty's h.s., sings in the church

choir, teaches aerobics, coaches and plays tennis, while her men build computers as a hobby. In Tampa, **Coleen Dee Butterick** is advertising coordinator with her husband Merle's Steak-Out franchise, handling their area, Chattanooga, and Denver. In Louisiana "raising children and volunteering" are **Ann Pritchett Van Horn** and **Marion Van Horn Eagan**. **Woodie IV** is at UAla and **Drake** still attends Country Day; all went to Provence and Tuscany with the Van Horn contingent. **Mimi Hecker Dyer** works as a health care consultant in Smyrna, GA, and has two new graduates - daughter **Macall** from FSU and h.s. son **Adam** who enters CU/Boulder; daughter **Sarah** is a freshman at UAla Pharmacy School. Now director of gift planning at Agnes Scott, **Susie Fitzgerald** says she and daughters, Katherine and Elizabeth, love school and Atlanta. From a Key West vacation, **Liz Thomas Camp** sent Sophie's computer art. Resettled in their rebuilt home, she is writing a book, *This Burnt House*. Harry graduates 5/00 and he and Jack plan a summer bike tour in France. **Suzanne Williams** lobbies for NC Community Colleges, attends arts functions, and has volunteered lots with the flood '99 devastation. **Lee Wilkinson Warren** begins Duke Divinity School fall '00, after leading many workshops for the Va. United Methodist Conference. Her son has finished college and daughter is at Appalachian State. **Ellen Bass Brady** and husband Chuck run an office furnishings business, while oldest and youngest sons are at VMI and middle son, Matt, excels at Wm. & Mary, and may pursue medical school at Eastern Va. At "The Beach" **Jane Reeb Chadwick** has been dating a "wonderful" man (confirmed by **Sandra Taylor**) and met Yo Yo Ma. With **Molly Nissman '77**, niece and recent graduate Nancy (now at Mary Wash), and her mom, she went to Paris and saw **Daun Thomas Frankland**. **Sandra** is now Sr. VP at SunTrust and travels to Atlanta monthly. She serves on the Centennial Commission for Sweet Briar, and reports the birth of **Marsha Taylor Horton '76's** son Samuel James. **Mary Witt Will** and Fritz had a delightful San Francisco-Napa trip 9/99. We lunched at Christmas with **Constance Scott**, who gardens and works for Broughton Systems. My Jamie (17) a St. Christopher's senior, is starting modeling, hopes to "go north" for college; while Alex (13) has added drama and art to his soccer interest. Now that they're older I'm spending more time with SBC friends - and hope each of you can, too!

## 1976

**President:** Tennessee Nielsen  
**Secretary:** Deborah Mutch Olander  
**Fund Agents:** Cissy Humphrey, Gail Ann Zarwell Winkler, Janet Durham Sam

**Kari Andersen Shipley** does much volunteering and traveling. Her 3 boys (13, 15, 18) keep her busy, as do tennis and painting. **Wendy Bursnall Wozniak** attended Alumnae Council in Sept. As SB Club President, she's very active—and hoping that Allison (11) or Whitney (9) may wear pink and green, though her oldest, Aubrey, is probably

headed to AZ State. **Candi Casey** is in investment banking in Chicago and travels often to Europe on business. **Tricia Cassidy Higgins** is now a Senior County Attorney supervising a Family Court Bureau in the Department of Law, Westchester Co, NY. Tricia also serves on the Zoning Board of Rye. Very sad news from **Catherine Catlett Collins**, whose husband Rick passed away in June after a short illness. Catherine planned to go on the SBC Nov. trip to Paris along with her sister, looking forward to revisiting favorite places from Jr. Year. **Sharon Coe Glen** writes from Hampshire, England, that all is well. She'd love to hear from classmates ([sharon@glencoe1@soft-net.co.uk](mailto:sharon@glencoe1@soft-net.co.uk)). **Lochrane Coleman Smith** returned to campus for Alumnae Council again 9/99 (it was a GREAT weekend!). She's working on the yard, and fighting poison ivy. **Teesie Costello Howell** wants tips on dealing with emerging adolescents (Jackson is 10, and Suzannah 8—a SBC prospect, just took up riding!?). Teesie and Chris celebrated their 23rd anniversary. **Melanie Coyne Cody** is still a headhunter in advertising. Mel and husband are directing the Middle School Annual Benefit Show. "At the ripe old age of 45 I've started running 12-15 mi/wk!" she adds. **Ann Brown (Davidson)** married Will Richards in 10/97. In 5/98 she received her Master's degree in Education from UVA and now lives in Amherst and teaches first grade in Nelson County. Her daughter Waverly graduated from James Mason Univ; middle daughter is a jr. there; and daughter Carey is a freshman at East Carolina Univ. **Chris Carr Dykstra** (Auburn, AL) is now completely recovered from a year of chemotherapy, surgery and radiation for breast cancer. On the work front, she got a completely renovated lab (with a window!). Horses take up all the other time. **Kay Elisor Hopkins** observed her 11th year with Neiman Marcus Direct, and received the "NM Best" award for the catalogue operations division. Her oldest, Sarah, is a freshman at Texas A&M. Beth is 16, and John 13. **Liz Farmer Jarvis** reports all's well with her 3 children. Liz is working on a carousel exhibit for the city's history museum, the Atwater Kent. The Jarvis home was recently filmed by the Home and Garden network for a show on Italianate architecture. **Norris Judd Ferguson** had a great time with her family in the Pt. Reyes National Seashore last July. Her art consulting and financial counseling businesses are slowly growing, and she's busy with her two daughters (11 and 8). **Beth Freeman Roper** started a business, Reading & Riding, combining her love of horses and teaching (email [readingriding@mediaone.net](mailto:readingriding@mediaone.net)). **Keedie Grones Leonard** (Middlebrook, VA) left the riding program at SBC and relocated to the Shenandoah Valley where husband Kyle leases a dairy (114 Holsteins). Keedie is busy with Cole, 3 and Isabelle, 15 mos. **Cissy Humphrey** is finally a permanent employee at AT&T. She's also working on her golf game. **Ainslie Jones Uhl** reports a very full life with four children (ages 4-11), all in different schools. Still dabbling in photography, and planning trips to NYC with the Art Museum. **Lynn Kahler Rogerson** had an exciting year. She

and husband John traveled to Russia to adopt their little girl, Olivia. **Maureen O'Hearn Slowinsky** and **Sarah Crick-enberger Brady** hosted a baby shower for Lynn. **Kate Kelly Smith** is Associate Publisher of House Beautiful magazine and loves her travels so she can stay in touch with classmates **Janet Durham Sam**, **Treacy Markey Shaw**, **Missy Briscoe McNatt**, **Melanie Coyne Cody**, and **Felice Ludington**. **Ann Kiley Crenshaw** sent oldest son Clarke, Jr. to Woodberry Forest School. She's thoroughly enjoying law practice, the garden club and other activities. **Laurie Lenkel** has explored several careers: pharmacist, educator, lawyer. Now she's in the pharmaceutical industry in the area of regulations, combining her experience of drugs and the law. **Cheryl Lux** writes, "... enjoying our new house...still haven't won the lottery, or had any vacations, no one is after either kid for scholarships." When her husband's term in the State House expires in 12/00, he plans a run for the Senate. **Treacy Markey Shaw** is happy in Atlanta with husband, 3 children, and 2 dogs. **Betsy Martin** works at the Attorney General's office fighting utilities for lower rates and better services (when she's not carpooling 2 children). She sees **Hilda Dent** occasionally. **Diana Michael Cignavitch** and husband Bernie built a home on Headquarters Island. They own an ambulance company. Daughter (10) plays tennis; son (7) loves soccer. **Marilyn Moran Goerler** announces start-up of her own direct mail business, which allows her to work from home and spend more time with son Christopher (4). **Megan Morgan** spent a year working for a Saudi prince with the Embassy office of the Saudi Arabian National Guard. Now she works in white-collar litigation at a DC law firm. She was also acting, doing an episode of "Homicide: Life on the Streets" which aired in Jan. Whew. **Lori Neasham** moved from Ashland, OR to Portland, OR to take over the largest volume Clinique door in the northwest. Her son Amir is a 4.0 jr. in college, and wants to be a brain surgeon. "Can this be my child?" she asks!

**Tennessee Nielsen Tankersley** has left law practice after 20 years "to explore other options." Husband Mike is supportive, but daughter Kelsey (15) thinks this is a bad idea. Tennessee reminds us that reunion is just around the corner! **Sally Old Kitchin** is on the college search with daughter Mariah (pink and green is a possibility). The boys are 15 and 10, and love sports. Sally looks forward to our 25th reunion. **Connie Radiford Butler** and husband closed their children's bookstore. She continues to teach preschool. The Butlers, too, are on the college search for daughter Austin (no pink and green for her). **Robin Rodger Heller** "retired" from corporate executive life at General Motors after 20+ years to devote more time to family and volunteer work. Robin is President of the Jr. League of Detroit, a Co-Chairman of Designers' Show House fundraising, and works with the Detroit Institute for Children and Planned Parenthood. **Sharon Ruvane** says life is quiet with Gretchen at Choate Rosemary Hall (CT) and Harry at Cardigan Mountain School (NH). Sharon is a



speech language pathologist at Peoples Academy and has been happily divorced for 3 years. **Dede Ryan Ale** and family moved back to Houston after 3 years in London. "Busy with new schools and cleaning up our house after renters." **Karina Schless** still works for Wyeth-Ayerst Pharmaceuticals (18+ yrs!). She's enjoying her new Percheron/TB, "Mistral" and riding every day. She's judging again at the Radnor Hunt this year. **Cynde Seiler Eister** says life is especially busy, with 2 children in h.s. and playing soccer. Her youngest sang the national anthem on tv at the Little League World Series in Aug! Her business is growing, maybe onto the internet! **Meg Shields** (Englewood, CO) is thrilled with her appointment to the SBC Alumnae Board for Region X. Meg returned to campus for Alumnae Council 9/99 and participated in the career fair in her capacity as Steve Forbes's CO campaign manager. **Virginia Spangler Polley** took 4 horses to the World Championship horse show in Louisville and got 4 ribbons. She planned a family vacation to Egypt over spring break. **Marsha Taylor Horton** resigned from her Dept. of Ed. job. Now she's an educational consultant, teaching graduate courses, not missing the stress of her previous employment. Still deliriously happy with married life, and other activities such as Women's Ministry Group. **Susan Verbridge Paulson** enjoys living in Colorado Springs. Christina is 16, and Danny 14. **Peggy Weimer Parrish** moved to Richmond after two years in Walnut Creek, CA. She had a great trip to Switzerland with **Mary Beth Hamlin Finke**. Peggy will work at the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond. **Peyton White Lumpkin** quit practicing law, got a Ph.D. in psychology, and is finishing post-doctoral training at the Univ. of Miami Med. School Dept. of Psychiatry. She plans to work with anxiety disorders, particularly with children and adolescents. **Carol Wilkinson Lee** reports status quo, "Looking forward to a much needed vacation in Zihuatenejo, Mexico in Nov." **Mary Woodford** married Jim Leslie in Jan., and now has "two brainy and talented stepdaughters." Moving from Philadelphia to the Washington office of Price Waterhouse was also nice. She plans to move to a new house—and mentions taking up golf. **Ann Works Balderston** says life's hectic but fun. The family took the usual trips to Jackson Hole, WY and Gasparilla Club (FL). Ann serves on the Executive Committee of the Board for Allendale School. **Andie Yellott** is supervising tutors in the Writing Tutorials program at Johns Hopkins. And, she says, "in the interests of striking a blow for Girl Power, I've infiltrated the Cub Scouts and become a Tiger Cub Den Leader." And I, **Debbie Mutch Olander**, am completely immersed in my doctoral studies at Florida State Univ. The highlights of my year were spending several days with Lochrane Coleman Smith in Feb., and attending Alumnae Council. I heard from so many of you this year! It was e-whelming!

## 1977

**President:** Vivian Yamaguchi Cohn  
**Secretary:** Sally Bonham Mohle  
**Fund Agents:** Janet Myers Deans,  
 Peggy Haley Sheehan

**Barb Bernick Peyronnet** has had a tough year, with her mom passing away and Doug being treated for cancer. They caught it early so his outlook is excellent. Maggie (10) loves school and is involved in piano, Girl Scouts and Church choir; Annie (5) is in her last year of preschool and takes piano, gymnastics and dance. **Vera Blake Thiers** is still a regional manager for EF Au Pair while her hubby Gerd slaves away at his practice. Her daughter is 14 going on 19 and her son (12) plays hockey 4 times a week in Frankfurt. **Elvira Cash Pecora** continues to tutor French and sub in the public schools. Her whole family came for Thanksgiving, then she, Chip and the boys (14 & 11) went to Lake Tahoe skiing. **Ann Crossingham Cannon** is annual campaign chairman for her medical center foundation and still shows saddlebreds. Leslie (19) is a soph. at Queens College, NC and Will is a junior at Concord High. **Laurie Fitzgerald Nowlan** is in her 3rd year as admission dir. at Country Day School of the Sacred Heart in Bryn Mawr. Daughter Carly is in 10th grade there; Patrick (17) is planning for college; Fitz (13) and Luke (9) love sports and school. **Carrie Gentry Jones** is in Bluefield VA and is single. She has a master's in clinical psych. and plans to work on a PhD. Her son Ian is working as a computer programmer in MD. **Mary Greaves Hodge** says Charlie is working way too hard, Caroline is in 4th grade and dancing in The Nutcracker; Chase (8) is into Karate; Lissy is in kindergarten. **Renee Hanson Crowder** is currently unemployed and loving it but also serves on the board of her community recreation facility. She visited with **Elaine Griffin** and **Kari Anderson Shipley**. Renee's son is a freshman at VA Tech. **Dee Hubble** was getting married 1/1/00 in Killarney Ireland to John O'Shea Dolan. They will live in Midlothian VA where John has taught h.s. Math. for 30 years. She is completing her Master's of Edu. in Counseling. **Glenn King Springer** loves Charlotte NC where they've been for 1.5 years and is redoing their house. She sees **Kathy Jackson Howe** from time to time. **Debbie Koss McCarthy** became a student again 8/99 and loves it. She's getting her Master's from Duke Divinity while also teaching piano and accompanying church choirs. **Phooi Ching Lai** had just returned from a vacation to the US when she wrote—they had visited family in NY and also went to Orlando. **Ebet Little Stevens** says Liz is in 10th grade, Anne in 7th and Robby in 2nd. Bob still has his own business and Ebet does recruiting while the children are in school. She had a great visit with **Tricia Waters** last summer as well as **Sally Bonham Mohle** and **Pete**. **Becky Mayer Gutierrez** is teaching 5th grade in Turner Falls, MA. She loves her job and says it's a good escape from her 3 sons, 15, 12 and 9. **Molly Reeb Nissman** says Nancy (19) is a freshman at Mary Washington College (VA) while Andrew is in first grade and Matthew in preschool. They took a fun trip to San Diego this year. Molly's USTA tennis team won the

nationals 1/00 in Tucson. **Kathy Roantree Renken** is still in southern MN on Jeff's grandfather's farm where she homeschools Douglas, grade 8, Emily, grade 5 and Timothy, grade 1. Kathy is very active at church while Jeff travels full time with SAP America. **Fran Scott** is back in Nashville after a 2 yr. assignment in Toronto. She has left Nortel and started her own editorial and writing services co. Son Zach is in 5th grade and has two Beagle-mix dogs, Daisy and Oreo as "siblings." **Angela Scully** is in PA, painting landscapes and showing them at galleries. **Libby White Drbal** and Doug have been in NJ north of Princeton for almost 2 years, where Libby volunteers in the boys' schools, is redecorating their home and takes kickboxing and aerobics to ward off aging. They were in Wash DC 10/99 where she visited with **Maggie Shriver** who looks great. **Carolyn Williams Seeling** moved from SC to the Philadelphia area. She had a difficult year, losing her mom in 10/99. Justin (13) and Sarah (7) make Carolyn and Stephen very proud. **Tricia Waters** is enjoying a part-time job at home doing admin. work for the Alexandria Choral Society, where she also sings Alto. She keeps busy with Lucy (8) and Will (6) and was starting an Italian refresher course. **Vivian Yamaguchi Cohn** sent me a picture of her four handsome sons. She says Clayton (13), Clifford (10) and twins Charlie and William (5) keep her and Stuart on the road for hockey, lacrosse or baseball. Vivian is serving on the SBC Alumnae Board. In 11/99 she spoke at a conference in Dallas and had a great visit with **Lucy Kimbrough**. **Ellen Sellers McDowell** sent a picture of her 4 beautiful daughters. She and Rex went to England 10/99 to celebrate his 50th birthday. The girls are doing well and Emily may be going to Switzerland in the Fall through her h.s. Ellen is teaching cooking classes, leading a Girl Scout troop and volunteering at church. And, I, **Sally Bonham Mohle**, had a tough year with the loss of my stepmother, moving my father to a retirement home, buying his house, etc. However, in 2/00 my mother-in-law treated 10 members of the family to a Caribbean cruise, which was a delightful trip and incorporated much-needed rest. I've reconnected with SBC roommate **Debbie Brooks Ligin** (ex-'78)—she is an MD in Cincinnati.

## 1979

**President:** Susan Anthony Lineberry  
**Secretary:** Graham Maxwell Russell  
**Fund Agent:** Cynthia Little Townsend

Back in the saddle again... before going any further — classes that have fewer members than we do write more class notes than our class! Please send me your notes or else you know who you are. **Betsy Byrne Utterback** is a docent at Princeton's Art Museum and staying busy with son James' (17) college applications while Chris (15) and Jenny (13) are busy with sports, school and parties. She saw **Karen Ries** this summer and **Julie Muchmore Cooney** lives close by. **Clara Jackman** is teaching a remedial reading/math program in VA while managing time to horseback ride. Daughter Meg (12) and son Stuart (9) are active in lots of sports and 4-H. **Aimee Kass** is now an Esq.,

practicing property purchases and matrimonial law in northern NJ. **Lydia Wardwell Zimmerman** stays on the run shuffling three children Emily (14) Lucy (13) and Henry IV (9) between field hockey, tennis and ice hockey. **Phyllis Shelton Higgenbotham** is working part time in her old law office while Hunter (12) Meg (10) Win (8) and Sumner (5) keep her running to sports practices, school events and piano lessons. **Bridget Wray Gardner** had a fantastic trip to the UK with her mother and sister Lisa ('78). This was after the incredibly fun time she had at reunion! **Mary Cowell** writes of the hugely successful Sargent show at Boston's MFA where she is a buyer for the museum store — she took a buying trip/vacation to Vienna, Prague and Budapest in the fall. **Corby Hancock Pine** is teaching part time at Towson Univ. Son Jonny (6) is in "real" school, daughter Lauren is 2. She goes to the school where **Hannah Craighill Moorehead** teaches. **Nancy White** sends greetings from NYC where in between nursing a broken ankle and representing magazines finds time to thoroughly enjoy the company of a "Renaissance" man she has been seeing for over a year. After 16 years in Winston-Salem, **Carol Robinson** moved to Blacksburg, VA where she works as an Assistant Director in the Career Services Office at Virginia Tech. She has two cocker spaniels to greet you and a guestroom should anyone be in the area! **Karen Jaffa McGoldrick** stays busy teaching, training and competing dressage. Her horse is excelling at the intermediate level of dressage and schooling all the Grand Prix, thanks to the training Karen has done by herself since raising him from a foal. Alison Gray Erwin is the newest member of **Louise Wright Erwin's** family. She joins brother Alex Schmucki (15) and sister Emily (3). Louise traded her investment officer position for full time motherhood. **Anne Garrity Spees** loves those Friday night cocktail parties with the girls—thank god for babysitting husbands! **Pam Mitchell** and family have settled back in Tallahassee, where Pam is teaching pre-school, after a 9 month European adventure. The kids (10th, 7th, 4th grades and kindergarten) were home schooled while on this journey. **Page Breakell Beeler** hit the high seas this summer with her family and loved it so much they have already booked a cruise for next summer! When not cruising, Page stays busy in the Garden Club of VA and children's school and church activities. Augusta, GA is the new home for **Susan Lord Searles**. Susan continues to work for the FAA via the Internet while caring for Robbie (3) and Josh (1). Teenage boys keep **Susan Anthony Lineberry** jumping while also working full time as an event and festival supervisor. **Connor Kelly Harvey** writes from Mt Etna, Italy (really!) that she and her boys, Patrick (7) and Teague (2) are doing lots of traveling and she saw a solar eclipse while she was conducting an authentic movement workshop. It seems like everybody saw **Laura Evans** this summer, who splits her time between her NY pied a terre and her Tuscan villa. Good news! **Lisanne Eusits** is not in a Buddhist cult nor was she abducted by aliens. She is living in Lynchburg, in



her 20th year of teaching and doing lots of theater. Scary news from **Irene Dorfman**, who lives in a constant state of alert in Ecuador due to the imminent eruption of a volcano. Andrea (18) is at U Penn and her other two (15 and 8) are out of school until they know the status of the volcano. **Vivian Hamlett McEntire** is an internist in Montgomery, AL raising 3 children and this summer saw **Shantini Senanayeke**. **Tricia Patterson Graham** writes that her son Paterson (3rd grade) is taking golf lessons and hopes he will become a famous golfer! She stays busy with her son's activities, painting and volunteer work in the Jr. League and Opera Guild. **Kim Louis Stewart** reports all's well with life in Scotland raising 4 children (9,8,6,3), renovating an old stable, and training a new field spaniel puppy. Who is in Rome, GA with a Justin and a George and rides? I am beginning my 19th year in Palm Beach and in my 12th year at the Norton Museum where I am the Director of Membership. Alex (17) is in boarding school outside Boston and Max (14) is in school in Palm Beach. I continue to figure out ways to keep him from wanting to go away to school! I wish I could write verbatim some of the information I get – you would laugh as loudly as I do. Please write to the magazine begging more room for class notes! An apology to all those husbands, partners etc. who have been left out of this issue.

There are just enough words left for me to say how great reunion was, how naughty you were not to come (I am pointing at you) and please – write your class notes and mark your calendars for our 25th. A fun time will surely be had by all!

## 1982

**Presidents:** Heather Pirnie Albert, Diane Dunaway  
**Secretary:** Beth Sheets Reed  
**Fund Agents:** Ann Morton Young Habliston, Carol Searles Bohrer

Angela Averett Scurry and family had plans to spend the millennium on a Caribbean cruise. **Brenda Barozzi** is living in NYC, working in advertising. **Mary Ames Booker Sheret** is recovering from a knee injury and surgery, the same injury she had in '82 at SBC. **Brianna Boswell Brown** has survived 7 months of house remodeling when her family of 5 lived in the pool house. **Ethel Burwell Dowling** and family moved to Camden, AL. Husband, Ben is pastor of 3 small churches. **Ethel** is home with Peter 4, and Betsy, 2. **Nancy Daugherty Davidson** keeps busy in Atlanta shuttling daughters Meredith and Katherine and chasing down Lydia, 2. **Sally Davis Daniels** is in Greenville, SC. She has 2 children, Robert, 11, and Sarah, 8. **Sally** is busy with antiques, volunteering, and tennis. She spent a week last year with **Kathy Reynolds Barnes** and **Betsy Bell Liles** (& families) in SC. **Alice Dixon** enjoys her new job as a Mortgage Loan Officer, getting together with **Carol Searles Bohrer** and family, and being at SBC occasionally to referee field hockey and lacrosse games. **Beth Engelsmann Flanigan** keeps busy with Drew, 15, Lacey, 9, and learning to use the com-

puter. **Ruth Fowler Bauerle** is pursuing a career in ophthalmology, and keeping busy with John, 7, and Magill, 2. **Libby Lee Gantt Castles'** husband, Guy, is advisor of Kappa Alpha fraternity at USC. **Libby Lee** is involved in her Bible Study, USTA tennis, and children—Mason, 8, Guy, 6, Mary Etta, 5 and triplets Gantt, Ray and Clara, 2. **Rachel Giles Gronsky** and family continue to enjoy life in Seattle. Her children are—Jake, 10, Connor, 7, Jordan, 5. **Anne Goebel Bain** is still with Morgan Stanley Dean Witter and enrolled in the CFP program. She has taken up competitive swimming lessons and continues to enjoy running. **Patsy Griffith VanEtten** writes that they now have an official breeding farm; they expect 3 foals this year. Husband, Jeff is working for Lockheed Martin; children, Nicholas and Riley are now both at school. **Rosemary Hardy** is a Behavior Specialist, travelling to different schools, consulting with teachers. **Rhoda Harris** is expecting baby #3 this spring. She is busy with their 2 children and Jr. League activities. **Liz Hoskinson** moved to Bronxville, NY. She is active in the League, a book club and taking yoga as well as riding in competitive events. **Liz** has a new job as editor for an equestrian publication. **Rolf Joyner DeShazer's** oldest daughter, **Carrie** is a freshman at SBC. Busy with children, 3 still in h. s. and youngest in 5th grade, **Rolf** is also working part-time for an investment firm. **Kelly Judson Jenkins** is finding time to re-decorate and volunteer on the school parents board now that P.J., Windsor, and Britton are in school all day. **Monica Kaiser** and family are in their new home in Coral Springs, FL and are planning some renovations. **Liz Kauffman** inquires if anyone in the class has a solar house? She's interested in building one. **Liz** has been white-water canoeing and continues to enjoy living in KY. **Mary LaVigne Fletcher** writes that she has taken over the whole farm business. **Eugenia**, 4, is riding posting trot and Henley, 2, loves horses. **Jill Maple Fallon** and family have moved to Wrentham, MA. **Jill** is working for Gillette. She has two sons, Jack, 5 and Harrison, 1. **Rachel Millrood Perlman** is busy being a Bond Trader and with children, Sophie, 9, Jonathan and Morgan, 2. **Heather Pirnie Albert** is still with H&R Block. Husband, Mike works for IBM. Rebecca is in 10th grade and Samantha in 4th. **Genevieve Pirrone** was married 9/97 to Kenneth Dean Richter. **Carolyn Hall Ringhoffer '83** was her matron of honor. **Charlotte Prassel Fitzgerald** and family have been in their house for over a year. This summer Cece is 11, Tricia, 9 and James, 2. **Charlotte** enjoyed a visit from **Lollie Noble** in 9/99. **Deborah Price Bowman** is with Nicholas-Applegate and is a partner in the firm. Daughter Katie is now 3. **Jennifer Rae** is enjoying her work doing event planning and desktop publishing. **Patti Snodgrass Borda** sends news of her marriage to Joseph Borda in 9/99. **Patti** has enjoyed the challenge of combining the households of two long-time single adults. **Diana Sykes**, who is with the Crawford Arts Centre, St. Andrews, Scotland, has offered to be a contact for students and alumnae visiting Scotland. **Leslie Taylor**

Kavanaugh is living outside Philadelphia, PA. Son, Ryan is a h.s. sr. **Gracie Tredwell Schild**, Georg, and Christopher (2) are still in Bonn, Germany. **Gracie** is teaching English part-time at the University, Georg is working on his 4th book, and Christopher is making parenthood a joy. **Jennifer Venable Hand** lives in Ocoee, FL; she is president and owner of Stellar Media Inc.; husband, Jeff, is in Feature Animation at WDW. They have two sons: Chase, 12, Kyle, 3. **Lee Watson Lombardy** joined the Orlando City Attorney's Office as an Assistant City Attorney. Husband, Warren is with Darden Restaurants and daughter, Georgia is 3. **Trish Whelan Schenck** is in San Antonio, TX. Husband, Bob is Assistant Professor of Orthopedic Surgery at U of TX. Children are—Lillian, 11, Gus, 10, Helen, 9, twins Marian and George, 6. **Trish** has gone back to school for a secondary teaching certification and Masters of Education. **Ann Morton Young Habliston** and family are finally in their home after years of renovations. Her children keep her busy—Caroline, 12, Chazzo, 9, and Bennet, 5. As for me—I retired last year from teaching and now fill my time with volunteering and tennis. I've enjoyed having Kate, 13, and Matt, 11, in the same school this year. It was great to hear from so many classmates! Please feel free to e-mail me, my address is 4\_reeds@sprynet.com. I look forward to next year.

## 1983

**President:** Miriam Baker Morris  
**Secretary:** Melissa Byrne Partington  
**Fund Agent:** Tracy Gatewood Lyons

I received a wonderful response this year!! **Sally Archibald Rogers** enjoys teaching children Christie and Tucker to ice skate and being involved with their school activities. She continues to do accounting work from home and occasionally sees **Bridget O'Reilly Holmes**. **Amy Painter Hurr** is still in Austin, TX and is substitute teaching at her children's elementary school. **Kathy Barrett** got engaged 5/99 to Jim Baker and plans a wedding this year. **Julia Bass Randall** is busy with her daughters and is now a realtor in Hingham MA. **Elizabeth Taylor Seifert** and Mark welcomed their third child, Peter, in Feb. Elizabeth is still enjoying her job at Glaxo Wellcome. **Adriana Garza Read** enjoys being a stay at home mom with children Christina and Will. **Gigi Harsh Mossburg** is busy with her two boys. She attended a local college fair as a Sweet Briar representative and recommends everyone try it! **Miriam Baker Morris** is networking with all of our classmates who responded to her survey about keeping in touch. If you did not respond, but want to keep a link going with your SBC friends, please contact her. **Amy Boyce Osaki** and John are expecting their first child in 3/00. She is still going strong with her outdoor adventure company Walking Softly Adventures. **Kim Howell Franklin** works as a recruiter for Booz-Allen and Hamilton. She stays in contact with **Ellen Howard** who had a baby girl in Sept. **Barb Paulson Goodbarn** is recovering from knee surgery and working at her girls school. She enjoys seeing SBC alumnae at the Den-

ver club functions. **Carolyn Hall Ringhoffer** enjoys her two daughters and is still in private practice in Mobile, AL. Her husband Joe is an investment broker with Prudential. **Lisa Rogness McDermott** was married in Feb. to Tim. They are preparing for a 600 mile bike trip in the Black Hills in August! **Lea Sparks Bennett** and family have moved to Lynchburg, VA and she enjoys being so close to Sweet Briar! **Bet Dykes Pope** says all is well in Atlanta and recently got together with **Ellen Clare Gillespie Dreyer** and **Virginia Claus Buyck** at the Biltmore House in Asheville, NC. **Bridget O'Reilly Holmes** enjoys her girls Olivia and Frances and occasionally sees **Barb Paulson Goodbarn** on trips home to CO. **Katie Grosvenor Hutch** had a baby boy in Aug., Tommy, Jr. She wrote a one act play that was produced off Broadway and has another play that is grabbing attention at the Southeastern Theatre Conference and at the Chattanooga Theatre Center. **Wylie Jameson Small** is really enjoying her sabbatical from teaching and has started her own business creating custom screen savers. Her son, Rudy, is loving school and sports. They are still traveling to Hilton Head and the Adirondacks for vacations. **Suzy Balog Ingram** moved to a new home in Andover, MA. She went to Italy with her husband in Sept. and is enjoying her daughters Emma and Caroline. **Mimi Kitchel DeCamp** is busy with her family and says it's really fun having an NFL football team in Nashville! **Mita Sanyal Felman** is living in Jakarta where her husband is monitoring the IMF program. She says it's beautiful there, but she misses the pace of Washington, DC and cannot wait to return to her real estate job there. **Lucy Chapman Millar** is very involved with her children's school as well as teaching riding to her daughter, Peyton. She and Ken had a fun weekend in Annapolis in Oct. with **Alice Cutting Laimbeer** and Rick, **Wylie Jameson Small** and Stuart and **Anne Little Woolley** and Doug. She also sees **Elizabeth Sprague O'Meara** a lot since their daughters are best friends! **Leslie Malone Berger** completed her Masters in Speech Language Pathology 12/99. She is working with medically fragile premature babies to 3 year olds with feeding/swallowing disorders. **Anne Little Woolley** is enjoying her family and seeing lots of SBC friends in the Richmond area. **Grayson Harris Lane** is in the final stages of her dissertation in Art History and is very involved in membership development at Stanford University's Art Museum. **Mary Watt Messer** is President of her Junior Women's Club. She is also busy with her children and their activities and has had vacations in Bermuda, NC/SC beaches and skiing in West Virginia! **Pam Weekes** has a bakery in NYC and its success has led her to open another in the Hamptons on Long Island. **Suzy Ireland Dupree** had a baby boy, Henry Wells, in Feb. **Ellen Clare Gillespie Dreyer** is busy with her 3 children and volunteering at Children's Hospital. **Martha Riggs Lowry** is growing her Interior Design business. Her husband Ron is in need of a liver and kidney transplant and they are eagerly awaiting word that one would become available. She is still active in the



Junior League and also working at her church. **Alicia Nygaard Formagus** was appointed to the board of Pray Texas and continues to be involved with city-wide evangelism in Dallas. She is building a home on her family's 4th generation farm in Daingerfield, TX. **Leslie Wright Root** 'retired' from the recruiting business to spend time with her children. She and Randy celebrated 15 years of marriage and have enjoyed vacations to Napa Valley, Aspen, Crested Butte and NYC. **Diana Duffy Waterman** is busy with her children who are in elementary school. She is working with her husband at his real estate office and in her spare time, decorating their new home. **Sarah Babcock** left her career at IBM and is pursuing a Masters and eventually Ph.D in Animal Behavior with a focus on dogs (not horses!!). She is very excited about this new direction. **Mason Bennett Rummel** is in her 11th year at the Brown Foundation. Rick started a new business two years ago and it is expanding quickly. They are renovating their house and Mason keeps in contact with **Libby Glenn Fisher**, **Suzy Ireland Dupree** and **Lea Sparks Bennett** as well as **Mary Ware Gibson** and **Becky Campbell Moravsek**. **Diane Dawley** was married to Ron Clem 10/99. They spent their honeymoon in St. Kitts and are living in the DC area. Robert, Rachel and I moved to Marblehead, MA in July in order for Robert to attend Gordon Conwell Theological Seminary, north of Boston. We had an addition to our family, baby Andrew, in Nov! We are blessed with wonderful friends and family who have been very supportive through our transition. Thank you for your responses—I always look forward to hearing from everyone!!

## 1985

**President:** Elinor Warner  
**Secretary:** DeAnne Blanton  
**Fund Agent:** Lenetta Archard  
**McCampbell, Kim Knox Norman**

**Ashby Clark Hopkins** announces the birth of her second child, James Thomas, 6/99. Ashby resigned from Americorp to stay home with him and daughter Eliza (3). **Perry Liles Lucas** is thrilled to announce the birth of Jane Perry 7/5/99. Baby Janie joins big brothers Robby (6) and George (4). **Cecily Schulz Banks** and husband Jonathan welcomed their first child, Angus Hay, 7/21/99. **Elizabeth Kelly Ravitz** delivered her third child, Jessica Leigh, 8/15/99. Alexander is 5, Rebecca is 3, and Elizabeth is product manager for dedicated Internet services at AT&T. By the time these notes are published, **Kim Knox Norman** will have welcomed her second child, due 9/99. Daughter Sally is 3, and Kim still runs her own graphic design business. There are Millennium babies for the Class of '85. **Heidi Belofsky Turk** expected her third child in 2/00. She qualified to ride at the National Horse Show in Madison Square Garden (while pregnant). **Virginia Stone Robinson** expected her fourth child in 4/00. Her older kids are Katherine 6, Ben 4, and Emily 2. We have lots of busy moms. **Christine Corcoran Trauth** is in Falls Church, training for the Marine Corps Marathon with **Heather Beck**.

Her sons are Ryan 6, Patrick 4, and Andrew 1. **Susan Lazarus Bailey** is "getting my masters in domestic engineering," and is also out on lots of endurance and competitive trail rides. **Cheryl Fortin Young** and family survived the hurricanes that blew through Myrtle Beach. Her children are Tate 9, Timothy 5, and Kayla 3. **Jeanie Guthans Wilkins** is busy in Mobile with her boys, Richard 10, Christopher 6, and Michael 3, and with hitting up the rest of us for the SBC annual fund! **Caroline Clayton Tufts** is in Baltimore in a big old Victorian, home schooling her two oldest kids, Frances and Christopher, and breastfeeding the baby, Jack. **Barbara Tragakis Connor** is happily raising her children in Alexandria, and reports that **Vicki Vidal Blum** has a gorgeous house. **Frances Clardy Hooper** and family are at Los Alamos, NM. Son Bobby is 4, and twins William and Woodard (a girl!) are 2. **Karla Kennedy Newman** and family moved to Charlotte. Rebecca is in first grade, and the twins are 3. Karla reports that **Stacy Zackowski Lukanuski** graduated dental school and has two daughters. Several classmates are living abroad. **Nancy Finley Worcester** and family are in Rota, Spain, south of Sevilla on the Atlantic Ocean. **Leigh Watkins** and daughter Gracie are in New Zealand, where Leigh has a free-lance TV company called Reel New Zealand Productions. She is also a director of Winkles Clothing, a line of children's wear that she designs. **Laurie Richmond McWilliams** is living in Double Bay, Australia. **Maha Kanoo** is still in Dubai. She started painting again, and is looking forward to a summer exhibition of her work. Several members of our class made some big career changes in 1999. **Lenetta Archard McCampbell** left BP Amoco after 14 years, and is now VP, Marketing for a brand new Internet startup firm. **Leanne Weber Kreis** and her brother went into business as The Weber Team, a commercial furniture group based in Annapolis. Her kids are Phillip 6, and Katie 4. **Madam President, El Warner**, quit her teaching job, started a new career in non-profit corporate communications, and moved to New York. Her apartment in the East Village is "only about twice the size of an SBC dorm room." **Anne Maus** is working for the Elizabeth Dole presidential campaign. In 10/99, she received the Republican Senatorial Medal of Freedom. More career news. **Laura Groppe** now has offices in both Austin and Los Angeles for Girl Games. She spoke at SBC in 11/99, and joined the Centennial Commission. **Ruth Sill** is in Atlanta, working as head librarian for Kimberly-Clark. **Nancy Ness** is working as a marketing director for an optical trade magazine in New York. She reports that **Ruthann Holland Zins** is expecting her second baby in 3/00, and that **Dale Banfield Banning** is busy in Newport News with her 2 children. **Marguerite Robbins** is a third year dermatology resident at the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda. **Baba Fountain** is near Boston, selling national program sponsorships for PBS. She just bought her first home. **Beth Anderson Kearns** is also in the Boston area, keeping busy as a program director with Fidelity Investments. Her son

Jack is 1. **Angeleque Akin-Little** married Steve, 5/98. They are now on Long Island, where Angeleque is an assistant professor of clinical psychology at Hofstra University. **Mallihai Lawrence Tambyah** tutors part-time in education at the University of Queensland. Her family just moved into a home that Mallihai and her husband designed. **Debbie Fischer Oleisky** is in her 15th year of teaching, and is a volunteer with both the Jr. League and the League of Women Voters. Her daughters are Sarah 5, and Emily 1. **Andrea Lawrence** is still teaching science in Santa Barbara, and she and 3 colleagues received a state grant to study art. Her daughter, Hannah, is 13. There was a girls weekend in New York, which reunited **Perry Liles Lucas**, **Lesley Allen Bell**, **Betty Saylor**, **Susan Lazarus Bailey**, **Martha Boxley Creasy**, **Frances Clardy Hooper**, **Susan Scagel Young**, and **Mary Bliss McGratin**. Speaking of reunions, the Class of '85 will celebrate our 15th in 5/00. I hope to see all of you there! It has been a pleasure serving as your secretary. Thank you for sending news, and please forgive me if I've omitted anything important. There are space limits for this column, plus the post office mangled several postcards. I almost forgot my own news. After staying home for a year with my baby, Samuel, I returned to work part-time at the National Archives. I've co-authored a book, *Women Soldiers of the American Civil War*, to be published by LSU Press in 2000.

## 1986

**President:** Jennifer Crossland  
**Secretary:** Mary Jo Biscardi Brown  
**Fund Agents:** Beth Ann Trapold Newton, Carol Anne Dickson

I compliment you all on a nice response again this year. Please keep it up! I've enjoyed hearing from you, as will everyone else. **Sharon Beard Testa** and Scott have twin girls Elizabeth and Caroline (1 yr.). Sharon is in her 3rd year of a Psy. D program and keeps in contact with **Mary Johnson Ryan** and **Cara Heard Elliot**, expecting her 3rd child 8/00. **Suzanne Craft Bailey**, Drew, and Christopher (4) welcomed Elizabeth Wyeth Bailey on 11/12/99 – while enjoying a visit from **Catherine Callender Sauls** and family! Suzanne is at home with her children and currently interviewing private schools in Charlotte for kindergarten. **Jenny Crossland** (Richmond, VA) practices family law and looks forward to being Maid of Honor in **Linda Mae Visocan's** ('87) 7/1/00 wedding. **Drusilla Davis Fadus** (Marietta, GA), Joseph, Margaret Lauren (5), and Jim (2) await the arrival of child #3 in 8/00. **Carol Dickson Jahnke** is busy with daughter Madeleine (2); they have purchased 100 acres in Middlebury, VA and plan to move there this year. **Missy Duggins Green** welcomed Nancy Pippin Green on 1/3/00, who joins Miles (18 mos.). Missy left her corporate job to become a "Human Development Specialist" (at home!). **Sally Engleby Farrell** (Beford, NY) is currently at home with children Tommy (7) and twins Jack and Henry (18 mos), but is thinking about going back to teaching at her son's school. They enjoy a yearly trip to Captiva, FL,

where they see **Lynn Higgins Dreyer** and her two children. **Ann Bruce Faircloth Porter** has a new home and Bruce is 2. She attended **Eileen McCardle's** wedding to P.J. Maloney, 10/99, in Jamaica. **Catherine Kendall** teaches Interior Design at Univ. of Tennessee's School of Architecture and Design. She married Harry L. Quigley, 5/99, in Brattonsville, SC; **Beth Spielvogel Allen** was Matron of Honor and **Cathy Lowrey Wallace** attended. **Karen Fennessy Ketola** and Barry celebrated their 5th wedding anniversary, 9/99, in Las Vegas. They have moved to Free-land, MI, close to Dow World Headquarters, where she is a Business Development Manager. Daughter, Morgan (2), loves swimming! **Karen Gonya Nickles** is busy with her athletic children Garrett (9) and Claire (6) in suburban MD. Karen coaches Claire's soccer team (and is learning all about patience!). **Laura Hand Glover** happily announces that her daughter Amber is attending SBC as a Freshman this year and was selected a SB Scholar. Laura's activities include volunteer work, time with son Patrick (5), and much travel. **Olivia Hardin Pettifer** received her 2nd degree, 5/99, in Interior Design and works for Steward Woodard Galleries. She and her husband are now part owners of Margaux's, where her husband is the head chef. Elizabeth "Farley" Callaghan was born 8/24/99, to **Rushton Haskell Callaghan** and Charles, joining big brother, Hampton. Rushton loves her job as Executive Director, Mark Brunnell Foundation. **Richelle Hayes Poffenbarg** (Altamonte Springs, FL) was promoted to Vice President of Corporate Relocations and Regional Executive representing Florida and Puerto Rico for Florida Hospital Association. **Lisa Herubin Jenkins** (West Palm Beach, FL) has been married for 10 years to Marrell; they have 2 children, Jacqueline (5) and Haylee (8 mos.). Lisa owns and runs a salon and Marrell is an engineer building gas stations for oil companies. **Meme Boulware Hobbs** reports that Libby (6) has started school and Whit (3) has endless energy! She has seen **Holly McGovern Barber**, **Ashley Simmons Bright**, and **Elizabeth Sheehan Hemrick**. **Mary Johnson Ryan** (West Chester, PA) had her 1st child in 1/00. She continues working with Mellon Bank as a Financial Advisor and sees **Sharon Beard Testa** and talks to **Julie Pesek** often. **Debby Klepac Gaskill** teaches middle school math, earned her Masters in Education at Monmouth University in NJ, and enjoys her summers at the shore with husband and children Lillian (5) and William (2). **Allison Kohlhepp Adkins** (Arlington, VA) and Steve welcomed Ansley Madeira on 9/8/99. Allison is a full-time mom. **Shannon "Spunk" Kuehlwein** enjoys a new home in VT and her job as a police officer in Hanover, NH. She was voted onto the Board of Trustees of her local fire department. **Elizabeth Lindsey** (Hebron, IN) continues telecommuting as an editor for ETS in NJ. **Maureen Mahoney Deppman** and Benj welcomed their first child, Jack Hollingsworth, on 11/19/99. **Lee Malley Lowe** (Vienna, VA), Bill, and Jack (4) welcome Megan to the family; Lee is a business consultant in healthcare with Arthur Andersen. **Lisa Marks** has



leapt from the pharmaceutical industry into the E-commerce industry, where she works as a consultant with I-Manu.com. She received her MBA from Univ. of NC, 5/00; keeps in touch with **Quinci Stevenson Velie** and **Elizabeth Wood Kleppe**. **Lynn Mather Charette** welcomed Elizabeth Hurst 8/25/99, joining older brothers Ben and Tucker. **Harriet McNair Alexander**, Chris, Rebecca (4) and Annie (2) have moved to the Boston area. Harriet saw **Chris Jones**, 2/99, in London, where she is busy with her 3 adorable children. **Catherine McNease Stevens** and Nelson run a furniture manufacturing company in South Boston, VA, as well as care for their menagerie of animals. They are expecting a baby 6/00. **Jennifer Memmott Rosenberg**, a busy at home mom, announces the arrival of Margot Elizabeth 8/12/99; she joins Henry (5) and Olivia (3). **Burke Morrow** visited with **Lynne Higgins Dreyer** in Disney World, where Burke ran a full marathon. **Christine Navratil Deeter**, and family welcomed MacKenzie Rae Deeter 4/8/99. Christine serves on the board of son Jonathan's school; also succeeded in reaching the finals of the Ladies Doubles Club Championships at Riviera Country Club. On 12/11/99 **Evie Newell Angevine** and Jim celebrated the birth of their first child, Margaret Spencer. **Desiree Petrus** continues her career as Chief Counsel to PA Senate Transportation Committee; her book is in its 2nd edition; she will manage two political campaigns this year. A vacation to China and Thailand is planned for 10/00. **Tracy Pryba Baugham**, in Richmond with Graham, Hayley (3) and identical twin girls, Olivia and Lauren (born 11/99), "retired" from Whitehall-Robins when Hayley was born, and keeps up with **Corinne Neale** and **Donna Prommas Duchow**. **Susan Smith Karp**, a stay-at-home mom, and Andrew, with Bank of America, live in NC with their 3 children: Eliza (1st grade), Amy and Harrison (1 year old twins). **Susan Swagler Cowles** and Bobby are building a lake house in Tuscaloosa, AL; Susan teaches pre-school at Jake's (4) school and will attend Tricia Lonick's wedding in VA, 7/00. **Anne Toxey** and husband Patrick moved themselves and their design and production business to northern CA; Anne has begun doctoral studies in architecture at Berkeley. **Beth Ann Trapold Newton** and family moved within McLean, VA to a great new home and live 4 doors down from **Jeanne Rovics Mexic** ('88); Beth is at home with children Gus (6) and Bonnie (4). **Jesse Ann White** was awarded National School Psychology Certification. **Louanne Woody** (Outer Banks, NC) enjoys her new home soundside in Nags Head; she is now a real estate broker with a company specializing in personalized service. **Sandy Wyllie**, still with FannieMae, keeps busy with Cameron (2) and newly arrived Heather (9 mos.). I. **Mary Jo Biscardi Brown**, am still living as an ex-pat in Denmark (until 1/01) as a result of my husband's job with Novo Nordisk A/S. We greatly appreciate and enjoy this international living experience, but truly feel there is no place as wonderful as the "good 'ol USA"! I've loved compiling another "installment" of our

class's news; sorry I am so limited on word space. I received an unsigned postcard; hopefully many of you will know who she is: She is still in Richmond, had a baby girl (Catherine) in 9/99; she joins big brother Abe and sister Garland. Our classmate sees and exercises with **Elizabeth Stevens**.

## 1988

**President: Tracy Tigerman Thompson**

**Secretary: Eden Zuckerman Brown**

**Fund Agent: Katrina Evans Gatti**

**Denise Landau Blind** works part-time and is class mother for Tyler's pre-school. Tyler is 5, Chelsea 2. Denise and her husband went to Bermuda for their 9th anniversary. **Liza Dalehite Brinkmann** is part-time in the U. of TX Pediatric Nurse Practitioner Program. She works part-time as an R.N. in a community clinic. She and Johannes have 2 children: Patrick 7, and Monika 3. **Julie Martin Collins** and Jerry welcomed their son, Joseph Brandon, in Aug. He joins brother Christopher (4 1/2). Julie stays home with the boys and couldn't be happier. **Stacey Vilar Csaplar** and Andy are adopting their second child. Stacey is still a full-time Mom and loving it! **Susan Detweiler** guides for American Alpine Institute in the Cascade Mtns. She will continue technical mountain and rock guiding in the west and internationally despite stress on Peter. She and **Andrea Fraley** watched cowboys at the Nat. Western Stock Show. She ran into former SWE-BOP Director, Kathy Gilchrist. **Brooke Rinehart Dunn**, mother of 2, Huyler 4, and Reeves 2, went back to work part-time, after being home for 2 yrs. She loved visiting SBC last Spring and playing in the 1st annual Alumnae Lacrosse game with **Lee Carroll Roebuck** and **Laura Ferrazzano**. **Minta Jones-Ford** and Price had a baby boy 12/98 and another baby is due '00. Minta works with the Ovarian Cancer Society. **Carolyn ("Cary") Grant Gallagher** moved into a new house. Carolyn is busy with PTO, volunteer work and her 4 kids: Dylan (9), Amanda (8), Charlie and Sam (3 yo twins). **Stacey Sicksel Heckel** has a new job as director of Advancement for Grace Episcopal Day School. She had second son, Leland William, 8/98. In 12/99, Stacey and her son, Kent, are in Sonja Gruhl's ('90) wedding in San Diego. She says that **Leslie Corrado** is a famous photographer (see her in Town & Country) and is running marathons. **Susanna Broadus Hickman** and Phil had their first child, Philip Hunter, on 4/12/99. Upon returning from maternity leave, Susanna was made partner at her firm, Geddy, Harris, Frank & Hickman in Williamsburg. **Cameron Cox Hirtz** is in NC with Tony and their 3 Jack Russell Terriers. She works as an environmental consultant, rides, and shows her horse. **Kate Cole Hite** and Tucker are great. Kate works for the Naval Academy; Chase is 4 and Mackenzie 1. **Maia Free Jalenak** is museum curator of the LA Arts & Science Center in Baton Rouge. She is President of the LA Association of Museums and had her second child, Nina Claire, in April. Both Nina and brother, Jack, are well. **Julie Lindauer Jacobson** is graduating from her Physician Assistant program at Emory. She will practice in Atlanta or

NC. **Denton Freeman Kump** and Cyrus had a second son, Turner, and moved to Richmond; Cyrus started his Orthopedics residency at the Medical College of VA. Denton is a research scientist for Pharmaceutical Research Associates International. **Jennifer Crawley Lewis** and Max moved from Beverly Hills to West Palm Beach, FL. Jennifer's business is doing well and allows more free time than working for others. **Katharine (Kem) McCoid** is living in NYC, working at Morgan Stanley Dean Witter. She enjoys going to exhibits and plays. She has seen **Vikki Schroeder '87**, **Louise Gilliam McGrady '87**, and **Lee Carroll Roebuck '87**. **Lylie Martin** is painting and having shows in galleries and museums. She enjoys camping, has a boyfriend, Jose, and a dog, Sasha. She is an art teacher at the International School of Panama. **Jeanne Rovics Mexic** works with Hilton as Director of Sales. She and Scott are enjoying their 15 mo old son, Blake. She sees **Kristen Peterson Randolph** and **Laura Schumacher Kasprzak** regularly. **Cecilia Moore** became an aunt in July. Her nephew, Christian, lives in GA. All is well at U. of Dayton and Cecilia is giving the keynote address at Black Catholic Ministry in Dec. **Jenn Gregory Mosher** enjoys life in New England with her husband and 2 boys: George Henry 4, & Charles 2. She works as a community dietician combining urban gardening with nutrition. She keeps in touch with **Ashley DeVan** and vacations with **Mary Nelson Densmore**. **Paige Shiller Okun** got a new job, got married and bought and moved into a new house. She was married July 3 to Steven and many SBC'ers were in attendance. **Amy Gould-Pilz** is in transition, as Josef heads to San Diego to work with a new company. Maddie (4) and Amy will follow when their home in FL sells. They are moving to a horse farm with Amy's family. **Lisa Lucas Popera** and Greg spent a week in Paris and await the birth of their 3rd child on Christmas Day. Their daughters, Ashleigh and Alexandra, are excited. Lisa enjoys volunteer work at their school. **Heidi Metzger Potter**'s children keep her busy. Andrew is in 1st grade and active with soccer, swimming and cub scouts, while Collin started pre-school and is swimming. Heidi is training for her 1st marathon. **Anne Powell** works in Bristol with an investment/insurance company. She is working to expand the Children's Advocacy Center and finishing a term as President of the Jaycees. **Kathryn Ingham Reese** lives in Chadds Ford, PA and teaches 3rd grade at Tower Hill School in DE. She is pursuing a graduate degree in Reading/Writing/Literacy at U. Penn. She and Bart expect their first child in April. **Jennifer Bach Rosen** is in New Orleans. Matthew (2) will be a big brother in April. Rob works at Laitram Corp. as a project manager and Jennifer is at Newman as middle school resource teacher and upper school college counselor. She is a faculty rep on Newman's Board and volunteers through the Jr. League. **Mary (Polly) Sattler** does Environmental work in Atlanta. She serves on the GA Conservancy and the Environmental Fund for GA Boards. She works for Southface Energy Institute, which pro-

motes sustainable building practices, and she is Clean Air Campaign Coordinator for Atlanta. **Kathryn Deriso Schwartz** had her 4th child, Chandler Grey, 2/26/99 and moved into a new house. Kacki is 7 and the twins, Burgen and Webb, are 5. She is not working, but is on a tennis team and spends time at the kids' school, St. Thomas Episcopal. **Melinda Sher** left CO and moved to NC, where she started a horse farm. She is boarding horses, teaching riding, and enjoying country life. **Katie Keogh Snelling** is running in her 1st marathon. She had her 3rd child last November, a girl, after 2 boys. She says that **Paige Apple Montinero** lives in Johannesburg and expects her second child in Jan. Katie says that **Beth Bennett Haga** lives in Little Rock and had her 1st baby last Sept and that **Mary Halliday Shaw** and Brad live in Encinas, CA with their twins in 2nd grade. She also says that **Whitney Bolt Lewis** is a vet in Charlotte, married to Ned for 2 yrs. **Stephanie Sprouse** bought a house in Arlington 5/99. She works with dialysis centers all over the country and loves it. She went to Denmark for vacation. **Ellyn Palermo Theophilopoulos** lives in the Tampa area with Dean and daughter, Joi. She expects a 2nd child in Dec and is a professor at the U. of S. FL in Pediatrics. **Martha Graeber Thomas** lives in Tyler, TX with Mike, Kaitlin 8, and Elizabeth 6. Martha is a housewife. **Tracy Tigerman Thompson** and Danny have separated and she has moved. She and Danny share Ryan and she still teaches 3rd grade in Rustburg. **Kelly Brown Varga** moved to Germany with Geoff, Jack (3), Emery (2) and dogs, Bosco and Sam. They live in a village established in 1025 and enjoy biking and travelling. Kelly finds time for artistic endeavors. **Nici Fraley Williams** lives in Birmingham with Jim, and Jake. 1. She is home with him and loving it. Nici is getting the Alumnae Club active and says **Mimi Boulware Hobbs '87** headed it up with a great kickoff meeting. Meanwhile, Bill and I are great. Our private practice is booming and we are really enjoying small-town life. It was great to hear from so many classmates

## 1989

**President: Whitney Bay**

**Secretary: Emmy Leung**

**Fund Agent: Kathryn "Kate" Robinson Hillestad**

What a great year—so much news about weddings, babies, houses and careers! **Tish Markey Hutter** had a baby girl, Anna Louise (1/31/00). Her other children are Harrison (5) and Katherine (3). The whole family will be moving to Mexico City (4/00) for 2-3 years with Rob's (W&L '88) job at Cargill, Inc. **Amy Ottaway Zambetti** is still in Jacksonville, FL. Her boys are James (5) and Charlie (3). She enjoys visiting with **Dana DeHoll Lesesne** and her twins Madlen and Tess (3). **Heather Varney Rooney** moved to Potomac, MD. She and Frank have 3 girls. **Deana "Bunny" Catala Lemert** moved to Anniston, AL (6/00), where Robert (H-SC '91) will join another OB/Gyn physician in private practice. They have a daughter, Phebe (3). **Shelley Brasher Tomlin** is busy with Haley (4)



and Edward-James (2). She also helps Edward with his business, Gerald Tomlin Antiques in the Highland Park Village, Dallas, TX. Shelley and sister, Shannon Brashear Longfield ('92), have been volunteering in Labor & Delivery at Parland Memorial Hospital for their Jr. League placement. **Karen Ashworth Lambert** returned to school in 1993, for a second degree. She currently works as an Occupational Therapist and manager of the Rehab. Dept. at a subacute center outside Atlanta. She married Daniel R. Lambert in 1998. They have a son, John Lawrence (1). **Audrey Mullen** has launched her own consulting firm, Advocacy Ink, which specializes in tax and regulatory affairs. The company will also handle media campaigns for candidates and corporations. Audrey lives in Arlington with her 2 dogs. **Pauline Hanson Palm** is still teaching and working in the museum. Chris is manager for Family Christian Stores. **Jill Causby Skerlak** and Michael welcomed Lauren Paige to their family (10/14/99). Jill has left her management position at Talbot's to be a stay-at-home mom. She is active in Junior League of Seattle and the Mom's Club. **Michelle Teuscher Walsh** had a baby boy, Lawrence Martin (8/26/99), named for his great-grandfather and grandfather. Michelle is taking a leave of absence from IBM. **Deborah Schmidt** is still living in New York working for Sotheby's. She married Rowland Perry Robinson (7/1/00) in Seal Harbor, ME. **Margaret Frazier** married Hall Gardner (11/27/99). **Latane Spencer Hill** and **Kathy Bolton Overman** were in the wedding. Margaret lives in Memphis, TN, and is doing fundraising, currently for the Women's Foundation of Memphis. Hall is a CPA. Latane and husband, Jars, live in Boulder, CO, with son, Gray (2). Their second child is due in July. **Nancy Quinones Chancier** still lives in Richmond. They moved into a renovated church, built in 1850, on Churchill. Nancy heads up a marketing team for attracting bioscience companies and corporate headquarters to VA. Bob is doing well with his commercial photography. They have greyhounds and cats. **Andrea William Oakes** is still living in Staunton, VA, with Bob and their girls Kenneth and Jaclyn Marie. She works for the Cincinnati Insurance Co. **Laura Lawson Trevey** and Sam still live in Richmond with daughters, Carole (3) and Catherine (2). **Donna Meyer Hodgert** had another son, Harrison Taylor (5/14/99). Son, Cal, is starting Kindergarten. Donna is taking a break from teaching to be a stay-at-home mom for a while. She still works part-time as an assistant swim coach at R-MWC. **Wendy Steel Hastings** was elected as Sullivan County Coroner in PA. She visited with Sandy Bernard Wyllie ('86) and family during Christmas. **Twig Odell Tucker** has moved back to Medina, MN, near Jimmy's job in Minneapolis. Their boys are Jack (5) and Will (3). **Dr. Eden Rue** is a Marine Chemist at UC-Santa Cruz. She was awarded the Helen Gager Award (11/99) at SBC. She also returned to SBC to present talks on life as an oceanographer. **Betsy Howie** married George Christian ('98). They took a romantic trip to Turkey before settling into their new house, built in the

1930's, in Austin, TX. Betsy is leaving her job with Keep Texas Beautiful to start a public affairs company called Alliance Design. **Kim Brookes Sniffen** lives in Chapel Hill, NC, with husband, Woody and son, Devin (3). She works as a Labor & Delivery nurse part-time while pursuing her certification as a midwife. **Molly Currans Gaskins**, [mol-gask@aol.com](mailto:mol-gask@aol.com) had a baby girl, Shannon Mary (7/8/99). They live in Fairfax, VA, with Bob and their other children, Adam (6) and Heather (3). Molly helps with Bob's financial planning company. **Wesley Powell Lassen** has left Parisian and bought a small specialty store, The Cook Store [thecookstore@msn.com](http://thecookstore@msn.com). She has fun selling and getting lots of new kitchen gadgets and accessories. **Beth Roland** lives in Richmond and works as managing attorney for an appellate printing company. She adopted a Great Dane, Hamlet, from the Humane Society. **Raquel Hickman Thiebes** moved back to the US from Germany. Her husband is stationed at Ft. Polk, LA. They have two sons, Alexander and Matthias. Raquel missed Reunion because Matthias decided to come a few weeks early, 4/19/99. **Rebecca Hendrix** works with an internet prestige beauty site, eve.com, as Senior Manager of New Business Development. She lives in NYC, but may be relocating to San Francisco. **Stacey Hannan Quinn** and Michael had a baby girl, Courtney Anne (9/18/99). Stacey returned to work at Siemens as a Principal Technical Writer. **Joan Heymann** married Dr. Patrick K. Bergmann in a Caribbean ceremony in 2/99. They live in Houston, TX, where Joan owns and manages Evangeline Farms Ltd., and her husband practices radiology. **Whitney Bay** and Quin finished building their house and moved in 12/11/99. They were married 5/6/00. **Allyson Welch Cain** and Tom had a little girl, Nicole Welch Cain (6/29/99). **Kate Robinson Hillestad** lives in Richmond and teaches 5th Grade. She is training a new dog to show, she has 2 Boxers. She is still riding. Husband, John, wants to foxhunt. **Ellen Duffie-Fritz** is the mother of 3 girls, Amanda (7), Britany (4) and Charlotte (2). She works as Media Supervisor for Circuit City. She also chauffeurs the girls to dance and riding lessons. In her "spare time" she enjoys attending wine tastings. **Madeleine Blanchard Corbo** had a baby boy, James on 1/18/00. **Krista Biggs** married Craig Phillips, 10/16/99. We had quite a mini-reunion at her wedding in Louisville, KY! As for me, I am still in Richmond, working for Wako Chemicals USA. I still enjoy trail riding and doing my crafts. It has been wonderful keeping in touch with everyone. Please keep the news and photos coming!

## 1991

**President:** Suzanne Petrie Brady  
**Secretary:** Kimberley "Kimber" Hatter Ellis

**Fund Agent:** Beth Hensley Martin

Here is the latest: **Carey Bates** is a technical writer for TSI International Software in Stamford, CT. She keeps in touch with **Amber Vellenga**, **Jennifer Gregg** and **Stacey Lawrence Lee**. **Stephanie Berger** has moved to Los

Angeles, CA for the 2000 Democratic Convention. She attended **Jen Kemper's** wedding in CO 7/99. **Vickie Campo Byrd** lives in Winston-Salem, NC and is a pharmaceutical representative with Searle Pharmaceuticals. She plans to move to FL after her husband, Gar (HSC '90) finishes grad school at Wake Forest. **Katherine Cooper Hoffman** lives in MD. She is expecting her 2nd child in 3/00. **Anne Crow Galanides** has two daughters and lives in Lexington, KY. **Arleigh Davis** was married on 10/16/99 at Sweet Briar. She works at Database in Lynchburg, VA. **Bonnie Dawson** lives in Amherst, VA and owns a travel business. **Al Doucette Miller** is in Bethel, ME and is attending USM. She keeps in touch with **Stacey Lawrence Lee**, **Jennifer Gregg**, **Marie Wright** and **Carlin McKenna Maroney**. **Nicole Dracy Hodges** has two children (Hunter and Peyton Catherine) and enjoys being a stay at home mommy. **Mamie Farmer Farley** lives in Richmond, VA and had a son, Miller, on 5/19/99. **Shelbie Filson** lives in Lynchburg, VA and works at the Lynchburg Fine Arts Center. She enjoys acting and white water rafting and recently visited with **Betsy Butler**. **Christine Flint Canterbury** returned to the states from Germany and is busy with her 2 year old son. **Cathi Goslaw** lives in Annapolis, MD and works at Fortis Benefits and the Bridges Learning Center and keeps in touch with many SBC friends. **Jennifer Gregg** works for the Coca-Cola Company in Atlanta. She keeps in touch with **Stacey Lawrence Lee**, **Al Doucette Miller** and **Jill Fahy**. **Kathryn Hagist Yunk** lives in Shorewood, WI and works for GE Marquette Medical Systems. **Signee Hoffman** owns her own chiropractic practice in Bakersfield, CA. **Karen Holland** lives in Winston-Salem, NC, works for Sara Lee and is working on her MBA. She spent time with **Sharon Bittner** '89. **Karen Hott** works for an interior design firm in Atlanta. She completed her BFA in Interior Design 12/99. She keeps in touch with many SBC friends. **Victoria Hutcheson DeMichele** enjoys her horse business in northern VA. She visited with **Mary Lanford Price**. **Liz Jennings** is in Charlottesville VA working on her doctorate in Curriculum and Instruction. She visited with **Stephanie Banton Troutman**. **Kathryn Johnson Glass** is a doctor at a Naval Hospital in Cuba. She has 2 daughters, Hannah and Sara Katherine. She visited with **Gwen Fisher Glew**. **Jen Kemper** married Jeremy Wallis on 7/3/99. **Stephanie Berger** was a bridesmaid and **D'Andra Calloway Simmons**, **Amy Lemieux**, **Beth Hensley Martin**, and **Kristin Walberg Urbach** attended. **Chris Coleman** (HSC '91) and **Mike Hartman** (HSC '91) were ushers. She visited with **Kim Hatter Ellis** at SBC's Parents Weekend 10/99. **Laurel LeStrange** lives in Blowing Rock, NC and is still practicing psychology. She also is an EMT with the rescue squad and owns her own catering business. She will marry **Robert Yaeger** in 4/00. **Dawn Monahan Nelson** lives in Richmond, VA and enjoys her two children. **Suzanne Petrie Brady** lives in Washington, DC and works in the White House as the Mexico Policy Analyst. She enjoys playing polo and salsa dancing. **Elliott Pitts** is in Port-

land, ME heading up the Development Team for the Barbara Bush Children's Hospital and working on her MBA. She visited **Dawn Monahan Nelson**, **Mamie Farmer Farley** and **Beth Robinson Dean**. **Ashley Quarrier Moran** lives in Minneapolis, MN. She recently saw **Twig Odell** ('89). **Megan Reid Lindberg** is in Lafayette, CA. She enjoys her two children (Sutter and Sophie). **Kana Roess** lives in Pensacola, FL and had a son, Thomas, in Fall '99. She saw **Brandi Beck Fowler** '89 and **Elizabeth Mason Horsley** '89 at Wesley Foster's wedding in 10/99. She is in search of **Sara Clinton**. **Laura Rose Martin** lives in Dothan, AL and completed her Masters in Secondary Education in the Fall of '99. She is expecting her 3rd child in 6/00 and her 2 boys are hoping for a sister. **Susi Seitz** lives in Germany and teaches H. S. English and P.E. She keeps in touch with **Lea Gardner**, **Pre-rana Thapa**, **Letti Romo** '92 and **Kristina Kukuk** '92. **Susan Sickels Dyer** lives in Annapolis, MD. She is a business consultant and enjoys her 2 sons. She continues to compete in ice skating and qualified for the Spring'00 National Championships. **D'Andra Simmons** lives in Los Angeles and works in Development at Def Pictures. She sold her first screenplay about Salvador Dali and is starting production in Spring'00. She keeps in touch with many SBC friends. **Penny Tadtler** lives in Brooklyn, NY and is a special Ed teacher. She completed her double Master's Degree in Elem. Ed. and Reading. **Margo TenBroeck** was married on 9/25/99. **Amber Vellenga** and **Squiffy Walker Christopher** were in the wedding. She lives in Williamsburg, VA and works for Crestar Mortgage. She is in search of **Charlotte Sanders**. **Squiffy Walker Christopher** lives in Richmond, VA. She enjoys time with her 2 yo daughter Elizabeth (Wizzie). **Michele Williams Lusby** lives in Baltimore, MD and works for a consulting firm. She and her husband celebrated their 7th wedding anniversary in Mexico. **Paige Wright Phillips** lives in Phoenix, AZ and visits often with Stephanie Turner '93. **Suzanne Ziesman** is working on her Ph.D. and plans to move to Albuquerque, NM in Spring'00. As for me, I still live near Wintergreen, VA and keep busy with my 4 yo son. Please feel free to call me (804-361-1827) anytime.

## 1992

**President:** Catherine Gornito Freeman  
**Secretary:** Kimberly Olmstead Calhoun

**Fund Agents:** Keely Sullivan Jurgovan, Margaret McClellan Driscoll

Here's the scoop—**Flé Carmouche Hill** is in FL with her husband and daughter Madison. This April they are moving to Orlando and are excited about their second baby, due 7/00. **Susan Schmidhauser** graduated from law school in 1/98, is a law clerk in DE and will look for a job in MD. **Janeime Asbury-Brown**, in GA, is a full time wife/mom of two girls, Jaela and Janelle, and will graduate from dental hygiene school in 5/00. **Amy Ghiz** is an editor for American Health Consultants in GA and is also doing commentary for a series on NPR. Her sister,



**Emily Ghiz**, is a pastry and desserts instructor at the New England Culinary Institute in VT. **Jamie Del Monte Galbreath** had her second daughter, Caroline on 1/10/00. Last fall she worked on a volunteer project collecting school supplies for homeless children with **Amy Peck**, **Jacqueline Geets**, and **Margo Ten Broeck** '91. **Jennifer Valentine VanNess** gave birth to their first child, Ashton Grace, on 9/1/99. She sells real estate on the side. **Kate Haw** started a new job in 2/00 at the American Federation of Arts in NYC. She is excited at the opportunity to return to a scholarly approach to art. **Anne Vogel Swan** had very sad news and asked me to print this specifically. "Some people only dream of angels, we (Jason and Anne) held one in our arms. Hannah Christine Swan, 8 pounds, beautiful curly brown hair was born still on 6/29/99." You are in our thoughts and prayers Anne. **Kathy Hughes** graduated from VA Tech veterinary school and is continuing there for her Ph.D. in Aquatic Animal Medicine. She keeps in touch with **Kyra Meelan** and **Marty Jaccarino Vero**. **Meg Moss** and **Stan** are working on their growing web design/development company, G. I. Global, and plan to travel to Syria and India. **Lori Saraniero Butterfield** is enjoying SC and had fun seeing lots of SBC classmates at **Trienel Ahearn Hickman's** wedding on 9/11/99. **Jennifer Toomey Driscoll**, Charles and Kate (2 yrs) are in Annapolis where they bought their first home and soon will be adding a dog. **Dabney Ledyard Hopkirk** is in Nashville with Ian and their sons, Will and Alec. She sees **Elaine Barksdale Finucane** from time to time. She visited with **Kelly Morton Robinson** who brought baby #3 along, Caroline, born 4/28/99. Dabney mentioned that **Stacy Puro** is engaged and is planning a 9/00 wedding. **Jenny Brodlieb Cacioppo** is in NY still working in PR for Ralph Lauren, but her big news is the birth of her daughter, Annabella on 11/07/99. She visits with **Kim Clayton** '94 and **Hopie Carter** '94 often and looks forward to seeing classmates at **Jacqueline Geet's** wedding on 2/26/00. **Tracy Steele** is engaged to Kevin R. Steele (no relation, yet) and will be married in the fall of 2000. **Catherine Gornto Freeman** is enjoying New Orleans with Pete and Charlotte, (2 yrs) but things are about to get wild with identical twins expected mid 2/00. **Margaret McClellan Driscoll** moved to Chicago with Sean's job. **McRae** is 2 and into everything. **Suzie Georgi** is working in Detroit for Brickman and Associates as an assistant property manager for a building downtown. **Cricket Rabin** is in CA, working for Intel as a research librarian and getting married in spring 2000. **Cathy Hindman** gave birth to baby #3, Andrew William, on 10/11/99. **Jennifer McCallum Fulton** and her husband are in Ft. Worth, where she has two horses and also works in real estate. **Kelly Arden** moved to Atlanta 6/99 and is in full time pharmaceutical sales while also working part time counseling families dealing with cancer. **Kate Miller Henning** is busy at home with son Caswell, and sees **Amy Peck** and **Kelly Sullivan Jurgovan** occasionally. **Julianne Hanneken Linza** and her husband Jim are expecting their second

baby in 4/00. **Rokhsan Fallah** is in MD with her husband and daughter Lily and would love to hear from classmates—email her at [Rokhy@yahoo.com](mailto:Rokhy@yahoo.com). **Amy Dickson Riddell** is still in New Orleans where Tim completed his residency and accepted a position in a Family Practice Clinic at Ochsner Hospital. They recently bought their first house and had their second daughter, Emily in 11/98. **Kory Faulkner** is in nursing school and saw **Kathryn Hagist** '91 and **Carey Bates** '91 before Christmas. She is trying to start a SBC Wisconsin club—so if you live there—look her up! **Kathleen Davis Willis** and her husband are just north of Boston with their first child, Morgan Thayer, born 8/13/99. Kathleen saw **Harriet Farmer** and **Holly Caswell King** at Harriet's engagement party in Newnan in 11/99. Harriet is getting married in the summer in Breckenridge. **Holly Caswell King** and husband David live in Atlanta and are expecting their first baby in 8/00. **Diana Bradford** is still in NY working for the Estee Lauder Company in the education and development dept. She was happy to see **Jennifer Toomey Driscoll** in NY in 12/99, as well as the gang at Trienel's wedding in 9/00. **Lisa Newman Francisco** lives and works in NY, but her big news is that she got married to George in NC on 5/8/99. **Marilyn Adams** moved out of NYC in 7/99 to work in NJ as Associate Director of the U.S. Equestrian Team. **Cara Ardemagni LaRoche** and her husband Bob bought a house and she enjoys teaching math at an all girls' school. **Leise Scheppe Hammer** moved to Tampa with her husband's job and is a stay at home mom with Jack, 9 mos. **Barbara Baisley** is in MD, teaching 6th grade. She received her 2nd Master's in Curriculum and Instruction and will complete her 3rd Masters in Reading Education in 5/00. **Caroline Newton Smith** and her husband bought a house in San Francisco. She is taking classes in landscape and interior design. **Kelly Brown Estes** had a baby girl, Julia Katherine, 3/99, and has taken some time off teaching to be a stay at home mom. **Martina Jaccarino Vero** is practicing law in Las Vegas and trying to publish a manuscript. **Carrie Bake-Wong** will finish her MBA at Univ. of Michigan in 5/00 and plans to work in marketing or consulting in Detroit or Seoul, Korea. **Carter Story Lloyd** and her husband and son, Hunter Randolph, are living in VA. She works for a bank and in her spare time still works on her art. **Nora Oney** completed her M.Ed. in Secondary Education and is teaching 7th and 8th grade English in VA. **Amy Peck** lives in VA and is the Manager of Educational Services for a trade association. She keeps in touch with **Jamie Del Monte Galbreath** and **Alison Trout**. **Cyhnia Chilton Barrett** gave birth to their second daughter, Anna, on 9/2/99. **Tracy Loftus Keller** works as a legal assistant for a law firm and part time as realtor for Century 21, while also galloping racehorses in the morning. **Abby O'Steen Reeder** and her husband are in NC where they enjoy their son, William, and expect baby #2 in 8/00. **Ginger Marks Collier** and her husband are in TN. She loves staying at home with their daughter, Virginia Stuart. **Melinda Wick** is traveling the

world with Carlson Marketing. She also works with **Claire Stapleton Batson** and sees **Donna Peters** '91 and **Anne Knoke** frequently. **Teresa Jones Hyatt** and her husband bought a house in 9/99 and are expecting baby #2 in 2/00. **Muffin Crouch Camp** is in GA with her husband, Morris and their two adorable kids, (that I play with often!) Tripp and Millie. As for myself, Clay and I bought our first house in 11/99 and are expecting our first baby in 5/00. Please come and visit us! I need to apologize to the class because I did not give the alumnae office my new address for the postcards (that you sent me) until it was too late. Therefore, the alumnae office sent out a second batch with my new address and I am sure some of the first postcards got lost. I am really sorry if you got left off the list. But I can assure you, we are not moving for a while! Have a great 2000!

## 1994

**President:** Erica Q. Clayton  
**Secretary:** Mary-Linda "Molly" Morris  
**Fund Agents:** Mary C. Holmes, Elizabeth Thigpen Landry

Lots of changes since Reunion. **Dorothy Bailey** moved to Blacksburg, VA where she has started Vet school. She's looking forward to **Christy Young's** Thanksgiving wedding, as are **Jodi Szuszcwicz McGee** and **Kim Szuszcwicz Snead**. Jodi and her husband will celebrate their daughter's first birthday in Dec., and Kim and her husband are building a house. Heading up the NYC group, **Hopie Carter** is our class's professional bridesmaid. Four '00 weddings are in the works, including those of **Tashie Curprier** and **Camilla Pulicher**. Hopie is still in the design area of Tiffany and one of her designs was selected as a Christmas card. **Ashley Henderson** is a manager of recruitment at Lehman Bros. In Investment Banking and is planning a spring wedding to Jim Swigart. **Rosemary Ratliff** moved from Boston and is having a great time while looking for a job. **Allison Vollmer Douglass** will move to NYC shortly from Birmingham, AL. She accepted a job with Conde Nast in their New Media Division. Also making a move, back to Denver from DC, are **Jamee Thompson Briggs** and her husband John. John is getting his MBA and Jamee has returned to the Montessori school where she worked before. **Vinca Swanson** communed with nature at the summits of Mt. Rainier and Mt. Adams, but she's happy to be back on earth. She's still working for the Seattle law firm. **Amy Biathrow Ross** is an executive assistant for Business Telecom and loves her daily commute—about 1 minute. She and **Beth Riccabonno Shiffler** will be attendants in **Stephanie Hanson's** wedding. Beth and her husband Paul live in a girls' dorm at Northfield Mount Hermon, a boarding school in MA, where Beth teaches physics and algebra. **Rebecca Nelson** is also busy with boarding school life. She's still at St. Andrews Sewanee, where she's the Director of Student Activities, a dorm parent, and advisor, and has also started teaching. **Katherine Schupp** is still an archeologist for Colonial Williamsburg. She has started

her thesis, and she and her friends are trying the English sport of cricket. **Kelly Schmidt** was promoted to VP of Luce Online and has done a great deal of traveling. **Mehreen Mallal** works for the Australian Agency for International Development at the Australian High Commission in Islamabad. Her work involves a lot of travel, mostly to remote areas to monitor projects. **Courtney O'Dea** has combined her MA in Psychology and an RN degree to become a pediatric psychiatric nurse. She's planning an 8/00 wedding, and will be a bridesmaid (along with **Heather Forrester**, **Elizabeth Thigpen Landry**, **Susan Morgan** and **Jamee Thompson Briggs**) in **Erica Clayton's** 6/00 wedding to Michael Wright (VMJ '93). Erica and Mike are building a house in Richmond. **Katherine Cook** is getting her Ph.D. in Higher Education Administration at UVA. Her dissertation will be on the history of higher education for women between 1920 and 1950. **Liz Homoki** is in her last year of law school. She's been doing trial work and has been recognized by several prestigious academic groups. **Jill Higginbotham** changed from working for AT&T to IBM. She's doing the same job, just for a different company. She's getting her MS in Information Systems, and looking forward to a possible trip to Italy. **Caitlin Sundby** bought a house in Atlanta that she's renovating. She is the Executive Director of International Development at AmericasMart, a trade show based in Atlanta. **Shannon Hetcel Dykes** loves being a stay-at-home mom. Carter is 2 and they have 2 dogs as well. **Melissa Thomason O'Toole** has a 16-mo-old. She's still riding, and is planning a 12/99 move to Northern VA. Her husband Tim is still styling with the Marine Corps. **Lori-Ann Harris Summers** works in the litigation dept of a laboratory in Pittsburgh, where her husband Paul is in his 2nd year of law school. She has also started teaching freelance floral design classes. **Katherine Lindsay Auchter** and her husband have started their own marine construction company, and will be moving to the area of Jacksonville, FL where her husband grew up. **Angie Carpenter Good** lives in Alexandria, VA with her husband John. She's still working at the Kennedy Center and hopes to apply to grad school. **Kim Bramley Estep** married Scott 2/13/99 and moved to CT. **Lori Bahret Mote** was her matron of honor. Kim works in the mortgage banking industry. **Linda Lombardo** got her MA in Education at Lynchburg College in '97 and is teaching at a middle school outside Charlotte, NC. **Amy Ross** is enjoying being single again and is teaching 2nd grade in Memphis. **Amy Loux** still works for Lucasfilms THX and is moonlighting as an editor. **Alice Windham** is doing plaintiff work at a law firm in Jackson, MS and really enjoyed **Lesli Sedwick's** 9/99 wedding. **Kelleigh Smith Sommer** and her husband Richard are anticipating their first child, due in 5/00. Kelleigh is a financial analyst for a lottery ticket printing company in San Antonio. **Mary Holmes** is working for Sprint. In 5/00 she will move to Chicago, and she's planning a 10/00 wedding to Eric Slusser. **Wendy Wall Nace** and her husband Randy bought a house in Birmingham, where Wendy is a thera-



pist working with homeless adults. **Heather McKoy** works at Pacific Bell in CA and spends free time with her cats, as well as riding and acting. **Lucia Marks** moved to Houston from NYC. She's working for Price Waterhouse Coopers as a health care consultant. She's enjoying the slower pace in TX. **Carlene Harper Sumner** is a Realtor. She and her husband built a house that they share with their 2 cats. **Jane Howard Bolton** loves staying at home with 2 yo son Bidwell. Her husband is a captain with AirTran Airways. **Allison Chance** went through a divorce, so now she's sharing her Buckhead home with her yellow lab Rabun. She's practicing law in Atlanta, specializing in Estate Planning. **Sarah Underhill** is the head of the Spanish department at the Hampton Day School in NY. She's teaching grades K-10. **Kim Mounger** married Glenn Storbeck and moved outside Seattle where she is a reference librarian with the public library. **Katie Blaik** graduated from law school at the Univ. of Oklahoma and is practicing law in OK City. She bought a house, and enjoys decorating and checking out the estate sales. **Amelia McDaniel Johnson** married Wooten in 1/9/99 and moved to Raleigh, NC where Wooten is involved in politics. **Lee McEachern** married Robert Collins 5/29/99 in Newnan, GA. **Mary-Ellen Horner** is planning a 7/00 wedding and will live in WA. **Liz Gilgan** is finishing up her graduate studies at Boston Univ. She's been doing her thesis work in Archeology in Belize. **Jennifer St. Julian Wooden** is in Houston, TX with her 2 daughters and husband. They are expecting number three, and Jennifer is home-schooling. As for me, **Molly Morris**, I'm still in Columbus, OH where I am a manager at Pottery Barn. I bought a condo, and I volunteer at the Columbus Museum of Art and baby-sit my 2 yo nephew. I spent New Years 1999 in Philly with **Betsy Lanard**, who works for a mortgage company and shares her home with a toy Doberman pinscher named Wolfling and a rabbit. **Hillarie Wakefield** lives in Norfolk, VA where she works in a museum. She is still designing. Her bridal designs are doing well, and a boutique in NYC has started to sell her other designs. As far as class notes go, please don't wait to hear from me to send info...you can email me anytime at [mlmorris@compuserve.com](mailto:mlmorris@compuserve.com) and if you have Internet access, please join the class of 94 community at OneList. (<http://www.onelist.com/community/SweetBriar94>)

Thanks for making first reunion such a huge success. Here's to seeing everyone in 2004! (Brie and Champagne for everyone!)

## 1995

**President:** Holly Prothro Philbin  
**Secretary:** Katherine Maxwell Schellhammer

**Fund Agent:** Beverly Caldwell Stone

**Tricia Lynn** is glad to be done with school and working at a h.s. She visited **Susan Whitehead Froehlich** ('96) in NJ and is looking for a new teaching job back on the East Coast. **Kelly 'Pepper' Cogshall** finishes grad school at UVA 5/01. Then everyone can call her Dr. Pepper! She visited **Kat Madden** in

New Orleans and travels to Europe 6/00. She was the only woman accepted for internship at the UVA Patent Foundation! They market and license inventions to corporate America. **Kelly Hall** spent summer in England and France camping with her boyfriend Paul. She is still teaching literature at West Virginia Wesleyan College and French to the local h.s. **Genie Stark** is in law school at good old Charlottesville. She'll be in D.C. this summer and hopes to get a permanent job there. She is in touch with **Tina Carlton** who lives and works in Alexandria, VA. **Mandy Monk** is doing a Natural Resources and Wildlife Technology program in western Maryland. She lived in Africa which inspired her to work with animals. **Mary Byrd Schroeder Braun** and John 'Jack' Andrew Braun were married on 4/10/99 and reside in Alexandria, VA. They adopted a dog named Redford. See pictures on MB's website:

[www.antiquefinder.org/redford.html](http://www.antiquefinder.org/redford.html). MB sells antiques on the Internet, antique shops, and does small business consulting for marketing and web page development. **Jennifer Gaudette Nelson** thinks Maine is great! Doug is an engineer for Bath Iron Works (building Navy destroyers) and also a Lt. in the Navy Reserves. Jenn teaches math and computer science at Brunswick H. S. They bought a sailboat. **Anna Reilly** still works for Senator John Warner in Washington, DC. She was a bridesmaid in **Lucile Page Martin's** wedding and **Nicky Stewart Fowler's** wedding. **Nicky Stewart Fowler** married Scott (W&L '93) in 9/99. Sister **Alex Stewart** ('94) was maid of honor. Scott and Nicky bought a house in Grand Rapids, MI and adopted a black lab puppy. **Stephanie Pearson Davis** attended the wedding. She, her husband, and her baby live in the Chicago suburbs. **Lucile Page Martin** married Bud in 5/99, in Atlanta, and is now Mrs. Roy Elmo Martin III. **Sarah Clifford Weaver** gave birth to Robert Joseph ('RJ') 10/17/99. She is a full time mom, doing freelance graphics, and teaching art in her home. **Sybil Walker Mercer** and her husband Matthew, daughter Ashley, and their new little girl Noelani (17 mos) reside in Orlando, FL. Her husband is a caricature artist and an aspiring Animator at Disney World. Sybil is a telemarketer and technician for the Medicine Shoppe pharmacy. They plan to buy a house and are going on a cruise with the Disney Cruise line. **Trista Newman** was promoted to Senior Business Account Analyst for Time Life in Richmond. She enjoys sharing her house with her dogs Neima and Pooh Bear.

**Holly Prothro Philbin** gave birth to Charlie 9/9/99. Her favorite babysitter is **Robin Hendrickson**. Holly was Matron of Honor at **Sarah Glenn Stafford Mercado's** wedding to A.J. on 7/10/99 in FL. Holly couldn't be there in person because of pregnancy problems but bridesmaids **Leslie Toro** and **Lyssa Vaught** were there. **Andie Thomas** is employed w/ Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Virginia as the Mentoring Coordinator. She works part-time at R-MWC as a Resident Director for Moore Hall. She is pursuing a Masters in Sociology w/ a concentration in Criminal Justice;

Graduation 5/01. **Bergen Hall** and her boyfriend spent New Year's with **Susannah Silverbrand Cooper** and husband Sean, in Jamaica. Susannah works for the consulate. Bergen lives in Marblehead, MA, and continues to work at Brown Brothers Harriman in Boston. She switched to the fund administration group and is registering for MBA classes. 2/00 she will travel to Luxembourg to visit her boyfriend who works for BBH in the Lux office. Bergen keeps in touch with **Jill Forman Lezcano** who was married 10/99 and resides in FL, and with **Ericka Bishop** in NC. **Vanessa Mortarino** works at The Martin Agency in Richmond, VA. **Amelia Dudman** '96 works in her department. Vanessa is a broadcast assistant and involved in the local music scene. **Cathy Cummings** moved back to Dallas and works with GMR Marketing (A part of Omnicom) where she is Account Executive for Nokia with their USYS (United States Youth Soccer) account. She will miss reunion due to a good friend's wedding. **Julie Fivecoate** is Senior Project Director with Maritz Marketing Research Inc. in Minneapolis. She and her boyfriend, Peter Jaeger moved in together and are looking for another puppy to keep Bella (her dog) company. **Molly Becherer Hasty** is in her last year of medical school at the Univ. of Louisville and applying for residencies in pediatrics. She and her husband Derek are looking at programs in the southeast. **Kathy Whitby** lives in Richmond, works in PR for the Federal Reserve Bank and went skiing in Vail with Heather. She and Heather plan to travel to Europe in summer of '00. **Gretchen Vida** moved back to Tampa 7/99 where she works for Maxxim Medical (another medical supply company) as product manager. Ronnie Alexander proposed to her Christmas '99 and they close on their first house 2/00. **Leah Anderson Tidler** enjoys mothering son, Andrew, one. She started her own business party planning and has done two birthdays and a wedding. She and David are building a home in Annapolis, MD. **Harriette Bayse** is a lobbyist for the Opticians Association of America in DC area and enjoys her black lab, Grace. **Maren Howard Leggett** and Peter have been married 2 years. She runs an after school-tutoring program at a private school in Lynchburg. Peter is applying for grad schools. They may move soon. Maren keeps up with **Carson Scheppe** who is moving home to Jacksonville, FL. **Lucy de Oliveira Bosworth** made partner in her employment firm and resides in New Orleans. **Kimberly Roda Moorhead** is the National Account Executive for the Information Technology Association of America in the Marketing/New Business Development Department. She and her husband, Tim, enjoyed spending time with **Holly Miller** and spent New Year's Eve with **Mary Byrd Schroeder Braun** and **Katie Maxwell Schellhammer**. Kimberly anticipates a spring visit with **Devil Dog Heather Theis Hernandez** and her husband Saul in San Diego. **Karen Giorgetti** is working on her Ph.D. in psychology at Purdue University where she does research and teaches for Purdue. She also teaches at Ivy Tech State College in Lafayette.

**Eleanor 'Snora' Dickinson** is at the Portfolio Center in Atlanta, studying to be a graphic designer/commercial artist/art director. **Erin Oney** is wildly in love with Kevin Murphy (VCU '86) and works at Hogan and Hartson Law Firm in Washington, DC. **Tory McClintock Wade** lives in Farmville, VA. She says Benjamin is getting bigger every day and might be at reunion. **Eileen Yates Von Herbulis** married Brian on 8/27/99 and bought a house in Mission Viejo, CA. Eileen graduated 6/99 from the Univ. of CA - Irvine with a Masters in genetic counseling. She is genetic counselor at the CA Cryobank. Brian is 1st Lt. in the Marines. **Jessica John**, **Carson Scheppe**, **Maren Howard Leggett**, **Lynn Ivey Turner**, **Lucy de Oliveira Bosworth**, **Meredith Williams**, **Heather Bernhard Zander** '97, and **Kathy Whitby** were all part of the bridal party. **Sarah Scales** and **Wendy Long Holland** attended. **Amanda-Bliss Knost Thomas** and **Yarko** left Raleigh 11/99 and moved to the NC coast. Their coffee shop 'Coffee Bliss' opened 2/00 in Newport, NC. **Jessica John** purchased a new home in Vero Beach where she runs the largest day spa/salon in the country. **Cari Miller James** teaches special ed. in Frederick County, MD. She is pursuing her masters in special ed. and will graduate in 12/01. She and Doug plan to buy a home. **Jennifer Parker** is living with her boyfriend Art near her parents. She is a speech therapist at the Pottsville Hospital. She enjoys decorating and remodeling their 1930's house. **Suzanne 'Trelles' Cordray** is working on her masters in Public Health in Columbia, SC. **Jane M. Rabadi** teaches drawing part-time in Denver. Her 9-5 job is with an Italian Import Company in their hand painting dept. She says she is finally earning a living as an artist! **Kara Dickey** moved to NYC in 6/99 where she lives with James and works for the NY Metropolitan Art Gallery. Kara was in **Catherine Orr Walter's** wedding to Steven in 8/99 and traveled to Paris in 1/00 for a winter getaway. **Stephanie Arnold Toohey** is expecting her first baby in 7/00. She and John bought a home. **Sarah Young's** company Clara Vista was acquired by CMGI. She has been very busy as V.P Human Resources in Fairfax, VA. She loves to travel... she visited **Lesley Myers** '94 and **Kelly Schmidt** '94 in AZ, and traveled to CA, Denver, Boston and the Grand Canyon. **Margaret Bruha** of Lake Bluff, IL vacationed in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. She became a member of the Polar Bear Club on 1/1/00 by immersing into the frigid waters of Lake Michigan. Margaret also pursues rock climbing. As of 8/99, Devin and **Gwen Hickey-Babcock** moved for the very last time. Devin took a job with an engineering firm in York; they built a house, and are "back on our old stomping ground for a very long time!" Gwen is coaching swimming again, and Devin is a Youth Leader at their church. They went skiing with Bergen Hall in NH, saw **Beverley Stone** and **Lyssa Vaught** in Richmond, and had a wonderful time seeing everyone at Alum Council 9/99. Gwen still has King who is 13 lbs., 4.5 feet long, all muscle, and daddy's little girl! **Katie McDill** lives in Huntsville, AL. She got her MA in English and is working at a great bookstore, deciding



at which school she'd like to teach. **Lida Anne Elliott** lives in CO. **English Griffith** still with Merrill Lynch, is Service Manager for the South Park Complex. She is house hunting in Charlotte, NC. **English** keeps in touch with **Susan Wooldridge Yeatts** and **CeeCee Valentine**. **Meredith Williams** is still with the same law firm doing healthcare transactions and dating Lynden (we met studying for the bar exam—he's a UVA boy). **Maren** and **Peter Leggett** visited her. **Amy Schroeder Hunter** and **Jeff** moved to Fort Polk, LA with the Army. 3/1/00, she and **Jeff** are moving out of army housing into a house with 12 acres. **Amy** will start up a small boarding/training operation with a good friend **Arie Richards** and is starting a new job with the Army Morale Welfare and Recreation Department (MWR). **Lisa Buckingham Darr** and her husband, **Mike** moved from Houston to Detroit 4/99. Both with Andersen Consulting and love being close to the automotive industry. **CeeCee Valentine** is in her 2nd year of law school at South TX College of Law. She works at Continental Airlines. This summer, she will study law in Rome, Italy for a month then hopefully work with the DC Public Defender Services. SBC alum **Serena Putegnat '98** is a classmate at law school. **CeeCee** is sorry to miss reunion. She has final exams. **Kate Steptoe** saw several SBCers at **Katie Maxwell Schellhammer's** wedding 6/99. **Kate** is finishing up a Masters in Parks and Recreation Management at West Virginia U. **Jill Goolsby** is in Pensacola, FL at the Naval Aviation Schools Command in Officer Candidate School. She earned a Masters in Science in Defense and Strategic Studies, 12/99 from Southwest MO State Univ. On 4/7/00, she will be commissioned an Ensign in the Navy. She will be assigned to Aviation Intelligence. **Lee Roman Winn** had Taylor Julia Winn 12/27/99. **Travis** turns 2 in 3/00. **Lee**, **Jason**, and the little ones moved from Seattle to Havelock, NC in 12/99. **Lee** visited Dallas 9/00 and saw **Eleanor Dickinson**, **Holly Prothro Philbin**, and **Robin Hendrickson**. **Mary Gordon Gill** went to Jamaica with her boyfriend and came back engaged! She spent Christmas in HI with her family and brought in the New Year doing the hula. She still enjoys teaching in VA and should have her masters in special ed. from UVA 6/00. **Beverley Stone** enjoys teaching 8th grade English. She is challenged by teaching high-risk students and enjoys her new home she purchased 9/99. **Nancy Weigle** is getting married to **Jay Smith** (HSC '92) on 5/28/00. **Cathy Cummings** will be in the wedding. In 6/00, **Nancy** begins her residency in Family Practice. **Jay** works in architecture. **Courtney Huffman Whetstone** is in her 2nd year of teaching 1st grade. She was named Rookie Teacher of the Year. Her daughter **Mary Rachael** is 2, and **Courtney** is expecting a little boy 3/00. Her husband **Todd** (UVA '93) is in accounting. They're decorating their new house. **Nancy Nichols** teaches 7th & 8th graders at Green Hills Middle School in NJ. She obtained her masters in ed. 3 years ago at Texas Christian Univ. **Heather Elliott** lives in Chapel Hill, NC where she plans to begin graduate school. She visited **Elizabeth**

**Hendrix** and **Heather Bond** and keeps in contact with **Catherine Powell**. **Lyssa Vaught** is happy in grad. school for Art Ed. at VCU in Richmond. **Molly Becherer Hasty** visited her in 1/00. **Daniela Ricci** is an event planner for the National MS Society in DC. She does catering work on the side and co-leads Capital Action, a volunteer community service group for young people. **Holly Elkins** lives in Alexandria, VA and is an event coordinator for Wolf Trap Foundation. She is applying for grad schools. **Liz Dunck Hayes** and **Paul** live in Charlotte, NC. **Liz** was a bridesmaid at **Catherine Orr Walter's** wedding to **Steven** (brother of **Tracy Walters** '96) on 9/28/99. **Catherine** and **Steven** bought a home in Reston, VA where **Catherine** works for AOL. **Kristina Pody Johnson** lives in Murfreesboro, TN. She is a chemist for Teledyne Metalworking Products. **Amy Woods** is in San Francisco. After working with the Kosovar refugees, she now works for CARE, the organization that designed the original CARE package after WWII. She and **Peter** rented a townhouse on Treasure Island—underneath the Bay Bridge. She, **Peter**, and **Mira** (her corgi) are enjoying CA! **Shana-Tara Regon** writes, "Finished my first novel and rec'd my MFA in creative writing 8/99. **Margaret Willett** lives in Tomball, TX. **Christy Patten** lives in Paris with fiancé **Jan Hundert**. They will be married near Los Angeles on 4/8/00. **Heather Aspinwall** and I will be bridesmaids. **Christy** is a flight attendant on Continental flying from Newark, NJ to Paris. She was a bridesmaid in my wedding to **Scott** on 6/19/99. **Heather Aspinwall** was my maid of honor. **Heather** lives in Alexandria, VA where she still loves teaching preschool in Old Town and traveling to CO, PR, MA, and SC. **Scott** and I (**Katie Maxwell Schellhammer**) live in Alexandria, VA too where I was promoted to manage legislative outreach programs at my association that represents the floral industry. **Scott** is a software engineer for American Management Systems (AMS). We hope you enjoyed seeing everyone at reunion! We missed those who could not attend.

## 1997

**President:** Ann MacDonald  
**Secretary:** Kerri Rawlings  
**Fund Agent:** Kara Vlasaty

Congratulations to **Kathryn Black Watson** and husband **Allen** on the birth of their daughter **Caroline Sullivan** on 5/20/99. **Katy McCartney** is her Godmother and **Elizabeth Hunter** was at her christening. **Kathryn** will be a stay-at-home Mom while **Allen** finishes the 2nd year of his doctorate program. **Ann MacDonald** and **Michael Carter** (W&L) became engaged 7/23/99 and are planning a 7/2000 wedding in Lexington, VA. **Ann** is still working in the Alumnae Office at SBC and welcomes us all back to visit! **Kate Hall Lombardi** is back in grad. school for her endorsement in education of students with severe disabilities. She and **Ben** bought their 2nd home which they are remodeling. She keeps in touch with **Ann**, **Catherine Osuna**, and **Melanie Vracas**. **Nicole Kelleher** finished paramedic school at MCV and is a tissue recovery

technician with Lifenet as well as a lab specialist in Clinical Pharmacology at MCV. She was a bridesmaid in **Heather Benhard Zander's** 9/11/99 wedding to **Duke**. They are living in L.A. while **Duke** finishes dental school at UCLA and **Heather** works as a vet surgical tech. She is considering applying to vet school. **Gina Miller** is a kindergarten teacher at Trinity College in West Hartford, CT. She attended **Holly James McMickle's** 1/9/99 wedding to **Mark** at SBC. **Kristen McCowan Hartley** was the Matron of Honor. **Holly** is an energy paralegal in DC. **Michelle Janiak Martin** married **Grant** in a 12/20/98 wedding at SBC. **Frazier Miller '96** was a bridesmaid. They are living in Fayetteville, NC.

**Molly Cameron** is living in Richmond with **Cakki Latimore** '96 and getting her MBA from UofR. She is planning her 7/2000 wedding to **Mark Dreux** (HSC '98) in Cincinnati, OH. She sees **Leigh Wilson**, **Stephanie Papiniko**, **Elizabeth Hunter**, **Tasha Swales**, and **Courtney Burt**. **Courtney** is also planning her 12/99 wedding. **Sherine Al-Banhawy** is living with her husband and son **Ahmed** (2) in Cairo, Egypt. She is in law school and keeps in touch with **Molly**. **Alison Burnett** is counting the days until she finishes her 3rd and final year of law school at Chicago-Kent School of Law. **Kathy Johnston** received her master's from Georgetown U. 5/99. Before beginning her job as an economist with SRI Int'l she went to Canada with **Jill Butcher** 6/99, traveled though Europe for the summer, then visited her family in MO. **Jill Gavitt** returned from Japan 7/99 after 2 years teaching with the JET program. She is in New London, CT teaching 6&7th grade Spanish. **Jill Meadows** is living in Brooklyn with **Nessim Al-Yafi**. **Jill** is performing in various locations as a dancer and recently appeared with SBC alum **Sarah Skaggs** '79. She is also editing a chess book by **Fred Wilson** and working in a doctor's office. **Nessim** is getting her MFA in theatre from Brooklyn College. **Jennifer Swisher** is a 2nd year med student at U. of Health Sciences College of Osteopathic Medicine in Kansas City, MO. Spent the summer working in SE rural KY and expects to graduate 5/02. **Gail Masdag** left the great white north of AK to visit **Jenn** in FL. **Gail** is working as a court clerk in Juneau. **Ticia Harbour** will marry **Scott Borg** 3/4/00. **Tara Moran** '96 will be a bridesmaid. **Ticia** will graduate 12/99 with her master's in Systems Engineering from VA Tech and is working for Lockheed Martin. After the wedding she will move to wherever **Scott** will be stationed as a Navy pilot. **Katrina Balding Bills** and **Kevin** are living in Leesburg, VA. She is doing very well as a Mary Kay saleswoman and recently earned a red Grand Am! From the barn to Mary Kay lady! Her horse **Fella** was hurt very badly and almost died but is doing much better. She plans on being able to foxhunt with him after Christmas.

**Amy Campbell** is at UVA writing her MA Thesis for which she was granted access to Justice Ginsburg's personal papers to research her years with the ACLU. She works as a program coordinator at UVA Women's Center. **Cape Healey** is in Bethesda,

MD working as a fundraiser for VA Sen. **Chuck Rohb's** 2000 campaign! **Cape** had a 2-week golf trip in the West of Ireland. She's dating a JMU '95 grad and keeps in touch with **Ann Barrett** and **Bhavi Patel**. **Jess Grass** works for the American Society for Microbiology and lives in Alexandria, VA. She is in touch with **Jenn Wagner** and **Cynthia Bumgardner** '98. **Stacy McKimm** will complete her Masters of Education 12/99 at the School of Counseling at UT-Martin. She's been offered a job in Milan, TN.

**Lindsay Rollenhagen** is teaching h.s. social studies in Brandon, VT. She is the assistant coach of the middle school boys and girls soccer team. **Katy Seder** and **Lisa Ducharme** attended her baptism 8/99. **Lisa** and **Katy** are living together in the North End of Boston. She is a Broker Liaison for John Hancock Mutual Funds and hopes to get back into teaching soon. **Katy** still works for Essex Investment and along with **Lisa** keeps busy with Junior League obligations. **Lisa** and **Katy** often see **Sarah Betz** who is now living in Marblehead, MA. **Katy** visited **Kerry Coleman** at UGA where she is in grad. school. **Katie Gumerson** is a floor assistant in OK Sen. **Don Nickles'** DC office.

**Amy Cook** is engaged to **Jason Rexrode** (WVU'98) and planning a 7/00 wedding. They live in Petersburg, WV where she is a Reading Specialist for 1,2, & 3rd grades. **Annette Dusenbury** is in her 2nd year of physical therapy school at Shenandoah U. She spent Thanksgiving in TX with her VM'97 pal **Joe Steele**. Hmm... **Melanie Chriscoe** returned from S. Africa and is moving to Winchester to live with **Annette**. **Alison Hall** is living in Auburn with her sister **Gemma** (Agnes Scott'99). **Ali** is enjoying her job as the Cultural Arts Director for the City of Auburn. **Jess Hivley** is back in MN working for Price Waterhouse Coopers. We all spent a week together at the beach in NC and are looking forward to New Year's Eve in NH where **Katy S.** and **Lisa** will be our hostesses for a ski weekend! **Katie Clarkson** moved to Winston Salem, NC to take a job with Wachovia Bank. She is busy planning her 5/27/00 wedding to **Mark Roberts**. **Annette**, **Alison**, and I will be bridesmaids. **Katie** designed a great website for our class [www.mindspring.com/~sbc97/index.html](http://www.mindspring.com/~sbc97/index.html). It is a wonderful way to keep in touch so please thank her when you have the chance! I left my job at the SBC Alumnae Office 8/99 to take a position at a trucking company in my hometown of Hagerstown, MD. I'm the corporate safety coordinator and part of my training even included spending 4 days on the road in a truck! I'm dating my high school sweetheart **Chris Burtner** (WVU'97) and enjoying being close to my family again.

## 1998

**President:** Charlotte Rognmoe Gilbar  
**Secretary:** Dawn Everett  
**Fund Agent:** Allison Gerber

We have a lot of new homes, husbands and even a baby! **Gretchen Gravelly** is at SBC working in the Admissions office. She keeps in touch with **Christina Cotter**, who bought a



house in Amherst and is teaching kindergarten at Tye River. Gretchen passed on lots of news. She saw **Anne-Claire Wackenhut** and **Carolyn Leddy** when they stopped by to see **Anne-Claire's** sister who is class of '02! **Anne-Claire** is in DC working and in a masters program at GU. **Isabelle Jean-Pierre** is a project coordinator at the Dept of District & Section Activities in DC and this summer she was a CLEO fellow. Gretchen also saw many at **Amanda Diamond's** wedding (10/9/99 in Chapel Hill) to Kevin Ring. **Scarlett Swain** served as MofH. **Mandi** is a Preschool teacher in the RTP and lives in Cary. **Scarlett** moved to Charlottesville to live with **Jenn Hogan**. **Charlotte Rognmoe Gilbar** is teaching 5th grade at Rockfish River Elementary in Nelson County. Joseph Michael, born on 10/14/99, joined **Charlotte** and **Dennis** in their home in Amherst. **Allison Gerber** finished her 2nd year at Tulane Law School, will graduate in 5/01. **Shelley Shreve Oliver** married Jasper on 10/16/99 in Lynchburg and resides in Winchester, VA where she is an Admissions Counselor at Shenandoah U. **Jayne Calabrese-Pomroy** moved into a new house in North Dallas. **Darelle Pfeiffer** finished her 2nd year at Temple U School of Podiatric Medicine in Philadelphia. She is still dating Tim. Darelle keeps up with **Kindle Samuel** who is working in NYC, for Ernst & Young. Kindle is the Young Alumna trustee on the SBC Board of Directors. **Marnie Tokaruk Bates** was married 12/18/99 to Kerry Bates (VMI '96). Jayme and **T.C. Weisman** were both bridesmaids. **Marnie** works for Ernst & Young LLP in Richmond. **Sandra Dittmer** is a data analyst at Camber Corporation. Her job is moving down to Quantico, where she will be working her way up to Program Analyst. **Tonya Grudier** is the Assist. Dir. of Admissions, teaching an American history class and being a dorm parent and advisor at Oldfields. Tonya spent time with **Katie Martin** and **Amy Stroupe** in 10/99 in Chicago. **Amy** is living in her hometown of Princeton, WV and working as a counselor in a group home for teenagers in crisis. And **Katie** is an Assist. Editor for a trade magazine called Modern Baking, in Chicago. **Tricia Mohana Summers** married Brian at SBC on 7/17/99. They moved to Corpus Christi, where she teaches 7th and 8th graders at a Christian school. They will be moving after Brian's training. Tricia had a visit from **Sarah Katherine Spangler**, who is teaching 5th grade

science and a reading class in Roanoke County. **Cady Thomas** is a Legislative Correspondent with Senator Helms and will attend American U, Washington College of Law with the hopes of participating in the JD/MBA joint degree program. She had a visit from **Emily Busse**. They got together with **Sarah Nolton** and **Bronwyn Beard** who share a house in Arlington, VA. **Bronwyn** is an area sales manager for Hecht's. **Sarah** is a computer forensics specialist for an investigative and security firm in McLean, VA. **Stephanie Belk Loter** is in her 2nd year at NC State Veterinary School. She married Thomas Loter on 6/18/99 in Durham. **Susan Barney**, **Katie Martin**, **Lindsay Culp** were bridesmaids. **Mary Ann Gheen** teaches 8th grade at Nelson Middle School. She is head of the math dept. and in charge of S.O.L. training. She married Tim in Lynchburg on 5/6/00 and bought a house near SBC in 7/99. **Nichi Benson** is getting married 10/28/00 to Forrest Knox. She is gaining a 9 year-old stepdaughter. **Nichi** lives in Nashville and is an administrative assistant to a commercial contractor. **Valerie Walston** worked for CA Gov. Wilson, then in DC on a presidential campaign. She has been working at the RNC in the press shop. **Emily Virkus** married Dan Calle (VT, '97) on 6/24/00 at SBC. **Lesya Shroades** and **Pam Fine** were in the wedding. She is working in McLean, VA as a Software Engineer. **Emily** was MofH in Lesya's wedding 9/00. **Heather Thomas** is working on her Master's in Zoology at Auburn U. She and **Amanda Kottke** were in **Natalie Lindfors Recupero's** wedding 10/99. **Amanda** married Mike Wilson (VMI '99) on 6/9/00. **Chantal Bartlett** is an administrative assistant at The Carlyle Group in DC. On 5/20/00 she and **Kim Izquierdo** were bridesmaids in **Diana Jordan's** wedding in Atlanta. **Kim** is in the sales division for Andin International in NYC. **Kim** also keeps in touch with **Joanne Hopkins**, who lives in Alexandria and is at SRI Int'l as a market analyst for science research programs at DOE, NASA, & EPA. **Bobbie Jo Hedrick** is engaged to Derek Lescar. She hopes to marry 6/23/01 at SBC. She works with a company called US Cyber in Amherst. Chantal also mentioned **Candice Broughton Maillard**, who is doing well in England, and **Marquita Belzer Rhodes**, who is living in Sardinia, Italy, and telecommuting to grad school. **Page Darney** is in Penn State's Post-baccalaureate premed program. She is

working for the state of Pennsylvania as a Personnel Analyst Trainee. She keeps in touch with **Erin Wortley** who finished her Chem Engineering Degree at VT and works for a high volume manufacturing company as a process engineer, in NoVA. **Melissa Rothwell Pembroke** married Lt. Peter Pembroke on 6/26/99 in Darlington, MD. **Anne Smith Culver** was MofH, and **Andrea Sheetz McCarny** attended. They live in Fort Hood, TX and she is a 4th/5th grade teacher. **Andrea** is a dance teacher in Chesterfield, VA. She and her husband bought a house last year. They lived near **Anne** who was married to Brian Culver (VMI '98) 5/99. They lived in Richmond and she taught at the Sylvan Learning Center, but they relocated to Wake Forest. **Mary Lea Martin Harris** is teaching elementary art at Greenbriar West Elementary. She keeps in touch with **Astrid Liverman**. **Astrid** started her Masters program in Architectural History and Historic Preservation at the U of VA. She did a preservation project in a Lynchburg neighborhood. **Melissa Rickman** traveled to England, Ireland, Venezuela, Spain, Andorra and France after graduation. She is a Software Engineer for Lockheed Martin and loves the challenge. She talks to Ashley Grosvenor, **Courtney Morgan** and **Emily Meger** who all have great jobs. She hopes to start graduate studies in IT at GMU or GW. **Melissa** is still dating Peter. **Jake Weiner** is living and working in Richmond in the Tax Reporting Dept of First Clearing Corp. She plans to take her series 7 in the fall. She sees **Dair Collins** and **Kelsey Larus** frequently and attended **Jessica Pavia's** wedding to Ken Tra 11/99. **Jennifer Toler Ober** moved back to Germany with her husband, worked for SAS Institute as Info-Center Consultant supporting about 5000 colleagues with network and PC problems Europe-wide, and then relocated to Tallahassee, FL. **Laura Fitton Pieper** bought a house in Iowa in Aug. **Courtney Hayes Toomey** moved to Myrtle Beach and bought a house. **Hobby Holmes** is in Jackson Hole working for a ski corp and snowboarding. Hobby saw **Kate Bryan**, **Jessica Brandrup**, and **Mary Friberg** at **Gannon Hunt Turner's** wedding in Dallas. **Stacy Sharpes** married Joshua Adamo on 9/5/99 in Shepherdstown, WV and honeymooned in Egypt. She is a technical writer for the US Coast Guard in Martinsburg. She is going back to school for a degree in accounting. **Cynthia Bumgardner** finished her 1st

year at East Lake Academy of Fine Arts in Chattanooga, as an Applied Technology teacher. She married Darrin Puckett on 6/10/00. **Anna Meares** and **Brigitte Laib** were attendants. **Cynthia** continues her newsletter once a month to over 20 of us. **Anna** has been working as an Admissions Counselor at a college here in ME. She traveled throughout the Northeast and UK. This spring she moved to Sendai, Japan to homeschool her niece. **Heather Smith** is living in Chattanooga and working for UnumProvident as a Disability Insurance Sales Support Specialist. **Suzy O'Laughlin** is teaching Spanish at her childhood school in Abilene, TX. She has been playing tennis with her mom and alone. She plans to attend U of Kansas for her masters in Latin American Studies. **Catherine Zahm** finished her 2nd year of 3 in a graduate program in dance at U of Hawaii. **Katie Rinehart** is out in OR working as office manager for Windermere/Central Oregon Real Estate. **Beth Baker** is in Philadelphia working for a law firm dealing with Immigration matters, in the capacity of bilingual paralegal/interpreter. **Kathy Jiang** was accepted by Stanford U's computer science program. **Angela Elliott Merrick** teaches 4th grade at a private school in Raleigh and lives in a new house in Holly Springs. She was married to Justin Merrick (HSC '97) in Richmond on 10/23/99. **Serena Putegnat** and **Tiffney Whitmire** were bridesmaids. **Serena** is in Houston in Law School. She went to SBC for her sister's graduation in May. **Rhonda Tyree Ferguson** married Jason Ferguson on 9/4/99. **Melissa Coffey Fitz** was one of her bridesmaids. Rhonda is buying a house in Elon, VA. She is Director of the Batterer's Intervention Program at the YWCA Domestic Violence Prevention Center in Lynchburg. She sees **Melissa** and **Jennifer Anderson** a lot and she went to FL with Jennifer in Feb. She lives at Wintergreen and works for Beacon Hill Associates in Charlottesville. **Melissa** is the Assistant Director of the Alumnae Association at SBC.

I am still living in my hometown in VT. I finished my Master's in Teaching with Internet Technology in 8/99 and started teaching computers and technology at a local elementary school (K-6).



# IN THE SWEET BRIAR TRADITION

## Professor Ernest P. "Buck" Edwards: Reading the Land

The summer after her senior year, Rush Harris '98 remained on campus to help organize Professor Buck Edwards' boxes of field notes and enter his handwritten information into a computerized database. The office work was confining and routine. But every few days the retired professor would take Rush and other students outside to assist with his ongoing fieldwork: bird-banding, surveying plants, and rechecking old survey lines.

"We'd be so excited when Professor Edwards came to campus," says Rush. "In June, all the leaves were on the trees and the wildflowers were in bloom. We would point and ask, 'What's this?' and he'd tell us the name of the plant, how to remember it, what the flower looked like, and describe the root. He knew every inch of the campus and every living thing on it. My knowledge of eastern woodlands—plants, birds, and animals—quadrupled every time I walked beside him."

Buck Edwards retired in 1990 at the age of 70, after 25 years of teaching biology, ecology, natural history, and ornithology. As a teacher, he used the campus as a classroom and laboratory; he always had students out in the field. His love of the land predated his professional life. The entire Sweet Briar campus was his boyhood backyard. Buck's father, Preston Edwards, was a physics professor. The family arrived in 1927, when Buck was only seven years old.

In 1941, Buck headed up the road to attend the University of Virginia and kept going all the

way to Cornell where he earned his M. A. and Ph. D. in ornithology. Afterward, he traveled and worked on a variety of projects: lecturing and making films for the National Audubon Society, acting as associate director of the Houston Museum of Natural History, and serving as professor and chairman of the

College, under President Meta Glass, adopted the Carry Nature Sanctuary. But a sanctuary is both a physical and a philosophical space. By the time President Pannell offered me a position, the College's pioneering spirit and commitment had languished. In addition to teaching, I understood

ceeded in expanding the sanctuary system at Sweet Briar from 45 to 400 acres. "It's always been a process that I wanted to see move ahead with no clear end point," Buck explains. "So long as the College is going in the right direction, which is the case under President Muhlenfeld, I'll be happy."

In 1999, to help Sweet Briar's efforts toward using the land for educational purposes, Buck developed a plan to allocate \$250,000 to the College over the course of 5 years. The gift supports the Mabel Thacher Edwards Wildflower/Native Plant Memorial, the summer Naturalist-In-Residence Program, and the preservation of natural forest ecosystems for education and enjoyment.

"You could spend hundreds of thousands of dollars remodeling indoor laboratories and end up with the same facilities as any other college," says Buck. "When you invest to preserve Sweet Briar's natural outdoor laboratories, you end up with something other schools cannot match."

"The land is a tremendous educational asset and resource. Education is its first and best use. I like to compare it to a library. Nobody questions the assumption that a college should have as many books as possible. Well, the same goes for trees. The forest is a learning center."

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Buck Edwards stayed on campus this spring. During the summer, he'll be commuting from Westminster Canterbury in Lynchburg. He also resides in Chapel Hill, NC, and has been down in Mexico, checking on the flamingo flocks he first observed in 1956. Forty-four years ago the population was 3,000. Today it stands at 26,000. The birds are flourishing and so is Buck. A new edition of his *Field Guide to the Birds of Mexico and Adjacent Areas* was recently published by the University of Texas Press.

biology department at the University of the Pacific. Buck also joined the Army and was assigned to Fort Detrick where he met and married a microbiologist named Mabel Thacher. "I always knew I would come back east," says Buck. "Sweet Briar was a pioneer when the

that I was supposed to get the sanctuary back on track and build on it. I certainly didn't do it alone! Our students, my wife, Professor Jane Belcher and the whole biology department were very active in preserving the land." During his tenure, Buck suc-

# SWEET BRIAR PLATES

## TO CELEBRATE THE CENTENNIAL ?

### YOU TELL US!

**YESTERDAY:** The December 1931 *Alumnae News* [magazine] advises that "The Sweet Briar Plates are still available"; they were advertised until the Fall 1959 issue. In 1941, a poignant ad read "HELP ENGLAND! HELP SWEET BRIAR! HELP YOURSELVES!" The plates originally were produced in earthenware by the Royal Cauldron Company. Royal Cauldron was bought by Wedgewood, which stopped producing earthenware in 1938 to begin working in bone china. Imported from England, the plates were distributed through Jones, McDuffie and Stratton Corporation until discontinued.

**TODAY:** The Centennial Commission proposed a commemorative Centennial Plate. Alice Cary Farmer Brown '59 approached the Lenox Company for this project. Lenox acquired the copyright for the design. No photographs or drawings of the original plate print exist; Lenox redesigned the pattern by hand at no cost to SBC, and modeled a bone china plate in three colors.

**\*\*Attributes:** Fine Bone China; Lead-free; Dishwasher/Microwave-safe

**\*\*Colors:** Mulberry; Blue; Green

**\*\*Cost:** \$50 each

**TOMORROW:** Commit or Forget? How interested are you? We may only offer Centennial Plates at \$50 if we have significant interest, so we need your input. Please tell us the level of your interest.



#### Centennial Sweet Briar Plate Project

To decide whether or not to undertake this project, we need to know how many alumnae, parents, friends, faculty, students will purchase plates.

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